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INCOME TAX CREDITS PASSED TO CONGRESS

White House Indicates President Will Not Suggest Plan of Refund.

Washington, D. C.—Having disclosed that there is enough money in the treasury to warrant a 15 per cent credit on this year's income taxes, the administration feels that the next move is up to congress.

It was said at the White House that President Coolidge thought congress the best judge of what should be done with the surplus.

The pronouncement was taken as an indication that in his annual message, Coolidge probably would not attempt to work out details of the refund proposal, but would inform the senate and house they must fight out that question for themselves.

Secretary Mellon has suggested that the money returned to the taxpayers be remitted in the form of a credit on next year's payment, half of it to be deducted from the March installment and half from the June installment.

The 15 per cent minimum credit was predicated, Mr. Mellon explained, on a prospective surplus of \$300,000,000 for this fiscal year. First estimates made by the president indicated a surplus of \$200,000,000 and on that ground he proposed a 10 per cent credit which later was boosted to 12 1/2 per cent.

FISH LAW MAY BE TAKEN INTO COURT

Portland, Or.—The binding force of the compact between the states of Oregon and Washington governing commercial fishing in the Columbia river probably will be tested in the federal court before the initiative measure abolishing fish wheels and traps on the upper Columbia river, adopted by the voters of Oregon at the recent general election, gets under way.

It is claimed by upper river canners that before the measure can become a law the consent of the state of Washington through its fish commission must be obtained under the terms of the compact which was ratified by congress in 1917 and which, it is claimed, gives both states concurrent jurisdiction.

Proponents of the measure assert, on the other hand, that joint action by the two states is not necessary, and that Oregon has sole authority to regulate the method of fishing.

Indications at present are that the matter will not be brought to an issue until next May, when the time to secure annual licenses to operate wheels and traps comes around. It is expected that the Oregon fish commission will refuse a license, in which event application will be made to the federal court to compel it to do so.

"UNCLE JOE" CANNON DEAD

Veteran Lawmaker Passes Quietly With Family at His Beside.

Danville, Ill. — In an ivy-covered church, where his wife planted the sprigs that in the years have grown into a massive bower of foliage, the final rites for "Uncle Joe" Cannon, were held Tuesday.

The veteran American lawmaker, who for 46 years was a member of the house of representatives, passed away at his home here at the age of 90.

Death came quietly, with members of his family by his bedside.

With him were his two daughters, Mrs. Ernest Le Seurs and Miss Helen Cannon.

The last few years of his life were spent in almost complete retirement. He walked a little, rode in automobiles as much as possible, wandered about his home town, conversing with old cronies and reminiscing of former days.

Cordova Shaken by Earthquake.

Cordova, Alaska.—An earthquake of unusual violence was felt here at 8:20 Sunday night. The tremor was accompanied by a distinct rumbling. Buildings shook and antennae masts of the United States naval radio station 14 miles from Cordova swayed a foot.

Canada Names Minister to U. S. Ottawa, Ont. — The Hon. Vincent Massey officially became Canada's first minister to Washington by an order-in-council passed by the cabinet.

THANKSGIVING PROGRAM AT SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

A Thanksgiving program, to which the public is invited, will be given in the school auditorium next Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. Each grade room and the high school will contribute numbers. School will be dismissed immediately after the program for the Thanksgiving holidays. The program is as follows:

Song, America the Beautiful.....The School
Reading, A Boy and His Stomach.....Jack Miller
Drill, Five Little Housekeepers.....Primary Girls
Piano Duet, The Bees' Lullaby.....Marjorie Montague, Bernice Wilson
Reading, Why I'm Thankful.....Ralph McEwen
Play, Make Believe Puritans.....Primary Room
Song, Thanksgiving Day.....7th and 8th Grade Girls
Thanksgiving Tableau.....Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6
History of Thanksgiving.....Margaret Lee
Reading, The Month I Like Best.....Leland Jenkins
Drill, The Story of a Seed.....Primary Boys
Pantomime, Josiar the Thankful.....High School
Reading, My Tummy's Got a Pain.....Marjorie Montague
Play, The First Thanksgiving Council.....7th and 8th Grade Boys
Reading, Thankful Jimmie.....Daniel Reeder
Cranberry Drill.....Grades 3 and 4

WOULD SUPPLY WELLS ON ARID STOCK RANGE

The Department of the Interior has just announced an outline for Secretary Work of a proposed policy for reclaiming the range on the public domain. The plan it is stated, contemplates the development of watering places for livestock at strategic points throughout the public land areas, Secretary Work says.

"The proposed new policy now being worked out by the department contemplates the establishment of the Government which will include lands valuable for grazing providing water for livestock is made available. With a law authorizing long-term leases of these districts to stockmen for grazing purposes, it will be to the interest of the stockmen to drill wells and install watering facilities, the cost of which might be made to apply as rentals.

"In cases of areas on the public domain where stockmen are unable or do not care to undertake the development of water places the Federal Government could drill the wells, and later lease the land as a range, the Government being reimbursed for its cost by a charge for the grazing privileges sufficient to cover the administration only.

"Through the establishment of this new policy, I believe that many millions of acres of public lands now lying idle and unused due to the lack of water may be developed into valuable ranges.

"To carry out this policy will not require a new Federal agency as the Interior Department has already collected the information and the Department has the necessary organization both in Washington and in the field to put the plan into practical operation without extra cost to the taxpayers."

KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

Mrs. John Bandaza, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Barnes, former employes on Watts Brothers ranch, was killed in an automobile accident in California last week, and her husband, badly hurt is in a hospital. The remains were shipped to Athena for burial, and services were held at the grave Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. Bollinger of the Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. Barnes came from Tappanish, Washington, to attend the funeral.

POTATO SUIT OPEN

The suit of the Farmers' bank of Weston against the Ellis Transfer company of Baker for \$2362.50 was tried in Circuit Court there. The suit involved stored potatoes alleged to have been sold without permission of the bank which had loaned money against them.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

Heavy rains have fallen here during the past week accompanied by high winds and a trace of snow. Snow is noticeable on the mountains and foothills and the air has taken on a sharp twinge. Fog has also been present several mornings.

City Well Capacity Is To Be Made Greater

Mayor Watts and the water committee of the city council will continue their endeavor to increase the supply of the municipal water system for domestic and fire protection purposes, by enlarging the well at the city pumping station.

The present well is inadequate to furnish the needs of the city, when the flow in the gravity system reaches the low stage experienced during the past season, and it is proposed to increase its dimensions to approximately 16x40 feet, and the well when completed, will be deeper than at present.

On completion of excavation, which will be done by a machine acquired by the city from the county road building department, the walls of the well will be concreted. It is figured that by concreting, the flow of water, which comes into the well over a gravel bed will be stored for pumping into the mains, instead of flowing through, as at present.

Work on the improvement will be started in about three weeks, when the county machine will be available. The cost of excavation will be \$20 per day for use of the machine and a man to operate it.

McKENZIE OIL WELL NEARS PRODUCTION STAGE

The Weston Leader says the outlook is still very encouraging at the McKenzie oil well near Coffee Creek, Montana, according to recent word for Mr. MacKenzie. At a depth of 1060 feet on November 7 the drill entered hard rock which is thought to cap the upper or Kootenai sand. Showings of oil and gas are very heavy, and were considered remarkable for the depth by some Wyoming oil men who recently visited the well.

Below the Kootenai in Montana fields, known as the Cat Creek, the Ellis and the Madison, and all are tapped at a comparatively shallow depth, so that the possibilities of the MacKenzie test are not exhausted with the Kootenai.

BERYL WILL PLAY

According to a Eugene special to the Oregonian, Beryl Hodgen, star end, will play in the Oregon-Aggie game at Corvallis tomorrow. Beryl Hodgen, guard and roving center on the defense, probably will be back in the fold. He remained in Eugene when the team sallied forth to Pullman and the rest has put him in good shape for practice this week.

WILL RAISE PEPPERMINT

Bert Mullins is busy this week putting out about 15 acres of peppermint roots on his ranch near Stanfield. Mr. Mullins tried out the mint in a small way this spring and thought so well of the crop as a money maker that he is putting out an acreage this fall.

LOCAL INTEREST CENTERED IN OREGON-W. S. C. GAME

Local interest was much centered in the University of Oregon-Washington State College game, played at Pullman, last Saturday, when the Oregon team lost by the score of 7 to 0.

Oregon played with a number of first string men out of the lineup. Beryl Hodgen, star end and others of the varsity team were left behind at Eugene to recover from injuries received in the California game. However, McEwan will be supported by the full strength of his team in the annual class with O. A. C. at Corvallis tomorrow.

Athena was represented at the Pullman game by the following persons: Arnold Wood, M. I. Miller, Clifford Wood, Granville Cannon, Alberta Charlton, Mrs. Fred Pinkerton, Lois Johnson, Helen Hodgen, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. McIntyre, Hilda Dickenson, Edna Pinkerton, Lee Banister, Henry Koepke, Louis Keen, Flint Johns, H. S. Swift, John Pinkerton, Art Jensen and Herbert Parker.

SNIDER WEEDER WORKS WILL CONSTRUCT NEW BUILDING

The foundation is being laid for the new building of the Snider Weeder Works at Weston, which together with the present building will house a well equipped plant for the manufacture of Snider weeders says the Leader.

It will be constructed of corrugated iron and will have a frontage of forty feet and a depth of seventy. Many windows, with an entire row of them in the front, will afford an abundance of light. The two buildings, which will have no separating wall, will have a frontage altogether of eighty feet, and when completed will look quite impressive as the home of a flourishing new industry.

ENGINE CRUSHES MAN

J. M. Dolan, 30, telegraph operator for the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, was instantly killed at 1 o'clock Tuesday morning when he was struck by a backing locomotive at the Reith yards of the company. The engine had just been taken from a fast mail train when the accident happened. Dolan had just waved to members of the crew on the fast mail before he stepped into the path of the locomotive. His body was dragged some distance before the engine was brought to a halt by frantic signaling. He is survived by his wife and a four-year-old daughter.

ROUND-UP MEN WIN

Pendleton Round-Up performers were winners in the recent Rodeo held at Madison Square Garden, New York. Hugh Strickland carried off the Roosevelt and Ken Maynard trophies as best all-round cowboy; Mike Hastings took \$1200 and silver cup in the steer wrestling contest; Chester Byers won the grand purse of \$1000 and championship in trick roping.

Athena Shipments Net Spud Growers \$40,000

Fall shipments of the mountain potato crop were completed Sunday, when the last truck loads were delivered by the growers at the Farmers Grain Elevator company warehouse, in Athena.

A total of forty-eight cars were required to make the Athena shipments, all of which were made over the Northern Pacific, to points in the Yakima valley, where the tubers will be used exclusively for seed. The volume of the Athena shipments comprised 18,047 sacks of potatoes.

The stock was graded according to required specifications, and netted the growers approximately \$40,000 on a price basis of \$40 to \$46 per ton, f. o. b. Athena. There yet remains a large tonnage of potatoes in pits on the mountain ranches to be put on the spring market, the product being mostly of the commercial grade.

BOY PRISONER STARTED \$1,000,000 WORTH OF FIRES

Warren Stark, age 14, said to be the youngest person ever sentenced and received at the Washington state penitentiary is not merely an inmate, he is a problem, according to Clarence E. Long, superintendent of the prison. Stark, who is a resident of Everett, was received several days ago, following his conviction on a charge of arson.

His record states that he started between 30 and 35 fires, some of them costly. It is believed that losses resulting from his fire mania were between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000. His sentence calls for him to serve approximately six and one half years.

DEATH OF A. W. LUNDELL

A. W. Lundell, formerly a resident of Athena, and later of Weston, died at St. Mary's hospital in Walla Walla Saturday, as the result of a paralytic stroke, suffered several weeks ago. Mr. Lundell was a musician of prominence, and successfully conducted bands and orchestras in this county and elsewhere. Funeral services were conducted at Memorial Hall, Weston, Monday, under auspices of Weston Lodge No. 58, I. O. O. F.

TRAIN TIME REDUCED

California moved five hours travel time nearer the midwest and east tonight when 63-hour train service, the fastest in the history of transportation, was established between Chicago and the Pacific coast and the first extra-fast trains run west of Chicago since federal control during the war, was started.

WILL RESUME DANCES

At a meeting Tuesday evening of Athena-Weston American Legion Post, it was decided to resume the dances at Legion Hall in Athena. With this object in view, a committee was appointed to make needed repairs to the dance hall, before the new series of dances will begin.

THE MEN OF ATHENA ARE ORGANIZING LEAGUE

(By Rev. Bollinger)

As previously announced, the organization of a Men's League was perfected, as far as possible, at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening of this week and the following officers were elected: B. B. Richards, President; C. L. McPadden, Vice President; Charles Betts, Secretary-treasurer. A membership, program and constitution and by-laws committees were appointed. Friday evening, November 28 at 7:30 at the church will be held the second meeting for the purpose of listening to the reports of the Constitution and By-Laws and Program committees.

Men let us get together. The better my neighbor knows me the better I will know him and both will be the better for the acquaintance. Your view point may be better than mine but how am I to know unless I can get your view point. By your co-operation some splendid programs will be given.

HARDEN WAS THERE AND WE HEAR ABOUT HIM

The University of Oregon Freshmen buried the Aggie Rooks in a sea of mud on Haward field at Eugene, Saturday by a score of 14-0. The Oregon, colts played a magnificent game, and Harden at end, was in the thick of it all. A writer on the Oregonian sporting page, says of the former Athena high school lad:

"Wilbur Harden, end, cut in rapidly, but played a beautiful game in following the ball. He broke up two center smashes before they had reached the line of scrimmage and kept the passer miserable. As the Aggies seemed to have no cross-cross in their repertoire, he starred at his unorthodox style of play."

RED CROSS ROLL CALL

Roy W. Ritner is county chairman of the Red Cross Roll Call, which begins today. In announcing the annual roll call drive, Mr. Ritner says: "The national Red Cross is to the nation as accident insurance is to the individual. In the case of a catastrophe, the Red Cross brings immediate aid. The organization did a wonderful work in the Florida disaster, and people of Oregon will not forget how those in our own state were aided after the Astoria fire." The local Red Cross drive will be carried on by the Athena Civic club with Mrs. R. B. McEwen as chairman and it is hoped that the community will live up to its former good reputation in giving hearty support to this good cause.

HAS RIBS CRACKED

Sheldon Taylor has been nursing a couple of fractured ribs, as the result of being squeezed in a smashup of Dean Dudley's Ford roadster last Friday, while returning from a duck hunt in the Holdman district. Dean, who was driving, escaped with a few minor bruises. The Ford was forced to the roadside by a car driven by a woman, who was on the wrong side of the highway. Striking soft dirt the radius rod broke and the Ford careened up a bank and toppled over. Sheldon was doubled up in the mixup in very close quarters and the wonder of it is that he was not more seriously injured.

EX-SERVICE MEN BANQUET

All ex-service men of Athena and vicinity their wives and lady friends, are invited by Athena-Weston American Legion Post to participate in a banquet to be held next Tuesday evening, November 23. The invitation is extended to all ex-service men, whether or not they are members of an American Legion Post. The affair promises to be an enjoyable one and it is the desire of Post members to have a large number of ex-service men present.

COLLINS WINS SUIT

Henry Collins, Pendleton grain and flour mill man, won the big suit in which the Morgan Grain company of San Francisco, sued him for \$20,000, interest since 1926, and costs. The company was suing to enforce a contract which, they claimed, Mr. Collins had made to subscribe for stock in the company. Col. J. H. Raley was counsel for Collins.

TWO HOMES BURN

The Milton Eagle reports the loss of two homes in that vicinity last week by fire. Near Cobbs Crossing the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Valentine was destroyed, and the J. J. Williams home at Crockett station was consumed by fire.

STOCKMEN LOSE IN FIGHT ON NEW RATES

Washington Department of Public Works Refuses to Suspend New Tariff.

Olympia, Wash.—There will be no reargument and suspension of the livestock rates filed by the railroads in compliance with the order of the state department of public works July 13, 1926, or in the matter of interstate livestock rates applying to the principal markets of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma. By an order, the department denied the application of livestock shippers for suspension of the rate and reopening of the case. Word was received from the interstate commerce commission that it also had declined to suspend the proposed rates.

Both the new state and interstate livestock rates therefore became effective Monday. The order of the department of public works established uniform distance rates to the primary markets and makes reductions as well as increases, the reductions being largely in the territory where livestock moves in large volume.

The case in question involved a general investigation into the livestock rates and the result makes uniform, it is stated by the department, the rates in the state of Washington with those prescribed by the interstate commerce commission to the primary markets of Portland, Seattle and Tacoma from Southern Idaho and Eastern and Southern Oregon.

STRIFE IS AROUSED BY BOARD OUSTING

Manila, P. I.—The opposition to Governor General Wood is being organized to fight for the return to power of the insular board of control, which the general abolished recently by an executive order.

A conference of members of the legislature now in Manila resulted in the appointment of a committee of three to study various proposals for testing the executive order and to report to the full membership of the legislature the line of action to be pursued.

Manuel Quezon, president of the senate and Speaker Roxas, of the house of representatives, addressed a joint letter to the governor general protesting against the order.

General Wood issued the order after having received opinions from the attorney general of the United States and the judge advocate general of the army holding that the insular law under which the board was created was not legally sound.

U. OF W. HEAD NAMED

Regents to Appoint Dean Thomson Head of University.

Seattle, Wash.—Paul H. Johns of Tacoma, their secretary, announced that the regents of the University of Washington will elect David Thomson president. His salary is to be \$10,000 a year.

Thomson, dean of the college of liberal arts, has been acting head of the university since five regents appointed by Governor Hartley suspended Henry Suzzallo October 4. Suzzallo has a contract as president of the university at \$18,000 a year running to June 30, 1927.

Suzzallo lives in the president's mansion on the campus. The Johns announcement said that Thomson would not immediately occupy that home.

Fred C. Ayer, professor of education, is under consideration as successor to Thomson in the arts deanship. He is also to be dean of the faculty, a post as assistant to the president.

Swedish Princess May Marry.

London.—Rumors are circulating in Stockholm, says a dispatch from the Swedish capital, that the engagement soon to be announced of Crown Prince Olav of Norway and Princess Martha, sister of Princess Astrid, who recently was married to Crown Prince Leopold of Belgium.

Lafayette Young, Veteran Editor Dies. Des Moines, Ia. Death claimed another member of the old school of American journalism, Lafayette Young, editor and publisher of the Des Moines Daily Capital and ex-United States senator. He was 78 years old. The veteran editor was one of Iowa's foremost citizens.

