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Drafting Of New Tax Bills Begins

\$225,000,000 Cut is Proposed by Secretary of Treasury Mellon.

Washington, D. C.—Another overhauling of the nation's tax law was begun Monday, the Coolidge administration leading off with a proposal to pare down the annual tax burden by \$225,000,000.

Under the administration plan most of this reduction would be accomplished by lowering the corporation tax 1 1/2 per cent, although the program also includes among other things repeal of the estate or inheritance tax and revision of some of the brackets of the income surtax. It provides for no changes in the income tax rates of the great bulk of taxpayers.

The program was presented by Secretary Mellon at the first session of a ten-day hearing before the house ways and means committee, which had been called back to Washington five weeks in advance of the convening of congress so that some sort of bill might be ready for the house itself early in December. Both in committee and house prolonged discussion is certain, many democrats and some republicans disagreeing with the treasury secretary in his proposal to limit the cut to \$225,000,000.

Mr. Mellon's request for such a limitation was based on a treasury estimate that the surplus for 1929 would amount to only \$274,000,000, far under that which has been available in previous years. He made five specific suggestions as to the means by which the reduction should be accomplished.

NEW ALTITUDE MARK MADE BY RANKIN

Portland, Or.—Tex Rankin, flying a Waco "9"-90 horsepower biplane and carrying a full load, broke the national altitude record for OX5 planes (less than 100 horsepower), reaching an altitude of 12,300 feet before the extreme cold forced a return to earth. Previous records were 11,000 feet for full load and 16,000 feet for flight with pilot only.

At 12,300 feet the Waco was still climbing slowly in the thin air, and would have gone 2000 feet higher within an hour, Rankin believed. At that altitude, however, the feet and hands of the pilot and observers were numb with cold, making a descent highly desirable. The temperature was 10 to 20 degrees, below zero, it was estimated.

EDUCATIONAL SESSION ENDS

Mae Mark New President of Educators of Washington.

Longview, Wash.—The Washington Educational association ended its 41st annual convention here with the election of Miss Mae Mark, county school superintendent of Yakima county, as the new president to succeed V. K. Froula of Seattle; took action to seek repeal of the present teachers' retirement fund law and the passage of a new one on a state-wide basis, and based on the principle of endowment insurance; endorsed the proposed constitutional amendment for the classification of property for taxation, and recommended that there be no discrimination for or against teachers adequately educated outside the state, except where those states discriminate against Washington.

No Increase Asked for Rum War.

Washington, D. C.—Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Lowman, in charge of prohibition enforcement, announced that he would not ask congress to increase for the fiscal year 1928-29 the present size of the dry enforcement appropriations—\$13,000,000. This was taken to mean that if congress wishes any extension of prohibition activities it will have to initiate the movement. Incidentally, Lowman plans for an air patrol to be used if one could be created from airplanes seized from rum runners.

Reed Named Idaho District Judge.

Boise, Ida.—Bert A. Reed, Coeur d'Alene, a practicing attorney, was named judge of the eighth judicial district to succeed Charles L. Heitman, who died September 19 in a Spokane hospital. The appointment was announced by Governor H. C. Baldrige.

HUNDREDS OF YOUNG SINGERS FOUND IN HUNT FOR TALENT



TEN young American singers—presumably the best in the country—will face the microphone at Station WEA-F in New York City early in December to sing for fame and fortune. They will be the finalists in the National Radio Audition of the Atwater Kent Foundation of Philadelphia.

This nation-wide quest for radio voices has already revealed hundreds of young singers of promise, who have entered the contests eagerly because the auditions offer them recognition at home and a chance to compete for prizes aggregating \$17,500. Distinctive figures are sponsoring the undertaking as a National Audition Committee. They are Madam Louise Homer, the Metropolitan Opera star; Mrs. Edgar Stillman Kelley, president of the National Federation of Music Clubs; Edward W. Bok, former editor of the Ladies' Home Journal, and Mrs. Otto H. Kahn, wife of the world-famous New York banker and music patron.

Winners of state auditions—one boy and one girl—receive silver medals and are taken to their district auditions at the expense of the Foundation to compete with young singers from their neighboring states. Winners of each of the five district auditions—one young man and one young woman in each—receive gold medals and are

Former Athenaites Have Golden Wedding

On October 9th, at their home in Bellingham, Washington, Mr. and Mrs. James Bamford, former residents of the Athena neighborhood, celebrated their 50th wedding day anniversary in the presence of a number of friends and relatives.

The happy couple, who are enjoying the best of health, were presented with a fine Victrola, as a mark of esteem in which they are held by those in attendance at the anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Bamford will be remembered by many of the older Athena residents. It was on the 7th day of October, 1877, at the old Mutton school house, near Centerville, (now Athena) that Rev. I. N. Richardson pronounced the words which united in marriage Mary Alice Ely and James Bamford. Witnesses to the marriage ceremony were Melvin Bamford and C. M. Ely, both deceased. Mr. Bamford is now 83 years of age, and Mrs. Bamford 71.

At the anniversary dinner, served at the home of their daughter, Mrs. E. O. Green, in Bellingham, the following persons were present: Mr. and Mrs. Bamford, Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Green and children Olive and Don. (Mrs. Green was formerly Grace Bamford). Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bamford and children Carol, Webster Salome, Chloe, Alice and James, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Knott, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rosenzweig and children Harriett, Helen, Frederick and Frances.

Jennamae Read Wed to Pendleton Man

Jennamae Read, daughter of Mrs. Grant Prestbye, surprised relatives and friends, when without their knowledge, she went to Pendleton Sunday, and was married to Mr. Ellis Brower, of that city.

The ceremony took place Sunday afternoon at the Presbyterian parsonage, with Rev. George G. Bruce, pastor officiating. Mrs. Ralph Hassell and Mr. Ralph Schwalbe accompanied the couple.

Following a wedding trip to Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Brower will return to Pendleton to reside. The bride, the only daughter of the late Luke Read and the present Mrs. Prestbye, grew to womanhood in Athena, where she was popular with a large circle of friends. The groom is associated with Ralph Hassell in conducting a cigar store at Pendleton.

Extending Power Lines

The Washington Power and Light company is extending high voltage lines from Pendleton to Athena. When completed electric power for this district will be increased through voltage from the Kennebec high power lines, thus giving this section the advantage of service from three sources instead of two, as at present.

Moving Barn

The last section of the Wright livery barn was moved this week to the Barrett farm north of town, where the structure is being assembled by Mr. Barrett to house stock, feed and farm implements. In the process of moving electric current was turned off to permit passage of the building under high voltage wires.

Athena Woman Hurt In Auto Accident

Car Crowded Off Oregon Trail Highway and Turns Over.

Mrs. Jesse Myrick was seriously injured by broken glass when a Buick Brougham, driven by Mr. Myers of Walla Walla, was crowded off the Old Oregon Trail at a point eight miles west of La Grande, by another car driven at high speed.

The accident happened Sunday, when Mr. and Mrs. Myrick, and Mr. and Mrs. Rominger of Walla Walla were accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Myers on a trip to La Grande. The place where the Myers car was crowded off the highway, was at a point where there was an embankment, and the Buick turned over twice before it stopped at the bottom of the grade, throwing all occupants clear of the machine, except Mr. Myers and Mr. Myrick, neither of whom was more than slightly bruised and scratched.

Other members of the party escaped with slight bruises, except Mrs. Myrick who was badly cut on the arm, with lesser cuts on the body. A deep cut on the arm and hand was closed by a surgeon at La Grande, where Mrs. Myrick was taken, when ten stitches were required. Mrs. Myrick, aside from receiving cuts, was badly bruised and suffered from the shock. She has been confined to her bed a part of the time since the accident.

The Myers car was badly wrecked in its tremendous plunge down the embankment. Numerous accidents have been reported from the La Grande side of the Old Oregon Trail since its completion, from which several deaths have resulted.

The Passion Play of Oberammergau at School Auditorium

A beautiful picturization of the original Oberammergau Passion play will be presented in the Athena high school auditorium this evening at 8 o'clock.

The pictures will be presented under the auspices of the Avondale Pictures Inc., which will receive the first \$25 of the proceeds. All over this amount will be divided between the Near East Relief and the high school treasury.

There is no other photo-drama in the world today so soul-stirring, heart-aching and uplifting as "The Life of Christ." It is a rare privilege to view these clear beautiful motion pictures unfolding in the most convincing and pleasing manner the scenes and incidents in the life of Christ heretofore pictured in words only.

The little village of Oberammergau in Bavaria, has dramatized the life of Christ every ten years for nearly three centuries. Thousands of people have made the pilgrimage to Oberammergau to see the Passion Play in a language they did not understand. The villagers have at last been persuaded to allow their play to be filmed and the people of the world now have an opportunity to see this magnificent spectacle just as if they traveled to Bavaria to witness the original production.

Pleasant Evening With J. T.

Friends and husbands of the Jolly Twenty were very pleasantly entertained at a dancing party held at the Legion hall, Saturday evening. About fifty couples enjoyed the hospitality of the club. Lunches were served in hallowe'en baskets. Spooky hallowe'en decorations were in evidence everywhere, even to fancy head dresses. All declared to have spent a very delightful evening.

Out of Hospital

J. E. Snively of the Twin City Cleaners is at his home in Milton from a five weeks' stay at the Veterans' hospital, Tacoma, where he underwent an operation for hernia. It will be some time before he can resume his work, which however goes on with competent help.

Mac-Hi-Paker

Mac-Hi will play Baker on the Milton grounds this afternoon for the scholastic football championship of Eastern Oregon. Both teams have excellent lineup, and the game should be fast and interesting.

Athena's Municipal Election Will be Held Next Tuesday, the 8th

Athena's municipal election will be next Tuesday, November 8. The City Hall, corner of Third and Current streets.

A mayor, three councilmen, city treasurer and city recorder will be voted for. The ballot will contain the names of O. O. Stephens for mayor; Henry Dell, E. C. Rogers and A. E. Shick for councilmen, vote for three; J. F. Kershaw for treasurer; B. B. Richards for recorder.

A. E. Shick is running for councilman to succeed himself, his present term as a member of that body expiring. Mr. Dell and Mr. Rogers will succeed F. B. Radtke and J. W. Pinkerton, the other two outgoing councilmen.

Alex McRae Offers New Blade Weeder

Alex McRae patentee of a number of machinery appliances adaptable to the farm, has been in town this week from Portland, demonstrating a new blade weeder.

The new weeder, constructed thru-out of steel, is practically self-dumping, acting in this respect virtually automatic. The machine carries two blades, front and rear. When the front blade is in cutting position, the rear blade is out of the ground, and vice versa. To dump the blade of weeds and refuse, a simple touch of a lever is all that is necessary to bring tripping paddles in contact with the ground, causing the blade to lift and revolve into its upper position, the other blade in the meantime having been released and assumed its cutting position.

The new weeders will be put on the market in quantities next spring. They will be manufactured in Portland at the Albina Engine and Foundry plant. A closed corporation, the McRae Weeder Co. of Eugene are the owners and manufacturers of the weeder. The sales office is located at 848 Morgan Building, Portland.

In Honor of Miss Geissel

Mrs. Forrest Zerba and Mrs. A. B. Logsdon were hostesses Tuesday evening at Mrs. Zerba's home in honor of Miss Ethel Geissel, in the form of a bridal shower. Miss Geissel's wedding is to take place early in December. Twenty four friends showered her with many beautiful gifts. The spacious rooms were beautifully decorated with red hearts and fall flowers. Clever games were played and greatly enjoyed by all present, prizes being given to winners. Guests were: Mesdames James Cresswell, Penn Harris, Jesse Myrick, Arnold Wood, Rose Miller, Bryce Baker, Dora Geissel, Elmer Stackstill, Claud Dickenson, D. H. Mansfield of Pendleton, Raymond Geissel of Milton and Misses Hilda Dickenson, Gladys Dickenson, Edna Pinkerton, Edna DeFreece, Ruth Williams, Dorothy Geissel, Thena Russell, Sadie Pambrun, La Vone Pittman, Zola Keen, Kathleen Radtke, Velma Schubert and the honoree. A dainty two course lunch carrying out the heart scheme, was served by the hostesses at a late hour.

Hallowe'en Pranks

Marshal Taylor was pretty dinged had marshaled over Hallowe'en pranks that were pulled off in Athena Tuesday morning, after he had retired to bed about one o'clock, a. m. Spooks and goblins appeared after the marshal had disappeared. They evidently made their appearance en masse, for next morning a dilapidated buggy dangled over the cornice on top of the Athena State Bank building, and numerous other heavy encumbrances, including a gang plow or two, placed where they shouldn't have been, gave evidence that said spooks and goblins were gifted with ample muscular development.

Funeral Held

Funeral services were held Saturday afternoon, for Kenneth Shigley, eleven year old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Shigley, at the family home by Rev. Bollinger, pastor of the Baptist church. The boy died last Wednesday at noon, after a short illness, now thought to have been caused by acute indigestion.

Pioneer of '67

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth, 78, widow of the late Francis M. Lowden died yesterday. She had lived in the Walla Walla valley since 1867.

Committee Studying Compulsory Automobile Liability Insurance

Editor Athena Press: At the last session of the Legislature a committee was appointed for the purpose of making a study of Compulsory Automobile Liability Insurance. This committee has held several meetings and are planning for meetings in various parts of the state in the near future.

As you know, this is a very live subject and should any form of compulsory insurance be adopted it would affect a great many citizens of your community.

The committee is anxious to have the subject studied and discussed by people throughout the state and it is felt that the easiest way to bring about a discussion of the subject and crystallize public sentiment either for or against is through the cooperation of the newspapers.

As chairman of this committee, I would, therefore, appreciate it if you may see fit on the subject so that when we reach the time for ascertaining what the sentiment is, the people of your community will have some pronounced view on it.

I am of the firm belief that the subject of Compulsory Automobile Liability Insurance will be one of the outstanding matters for discussion at the next legislative assembly and our committee is desirous of knowing just how the people in your community feel concerning this matter.

Trusting that you will find it convenient to assist us, I am,

Yours very truly,
 JAMES D. OLSON,
 Chairman, Compulsory Automobile Liability Insurance Committee.

Teachers Reception at the Auditorium

Parents and patrons of the Athena schools are cordially invited and requested to meet the teachers at a reception to be held tomorrow night at the high school building at 8 p. m. A short program will be given as follows:

Address of Welcome, Mrs. H. I. Watts; Response, Lee Meyer; Selection by Athena orchestra; Vocal solo, Mrs. D. T. Stone; Piano duet, Mrs. O. O. Stephens and Mrs. Max Hopper; Selection by orchestra, and a number of interesting games have been planned by the committee.

A prize will be offered to the room having the most parents present. Remember the date Saturday November 5th.

Entertained Friends

Friends of Miss Edna Pinkerton and Miss Hilda Dickenson were pleasantly entertained last Thursday afternoon at Miss Pinkerton's home, when seven tables of Bridge were in play. Mrs. Glenn Dudley won high score, Mrs. H. I. Watts second score and Mrs. Frank Ames the consolation. The rooms were decorated with red carnations, red lights and tapers. A lovely two course lunch was served at the close of the afternoon by the hostesses assisted by Mrs. Fred Pinkerton. Those present were: Mesdames Revella Lieualen, Francis Lieualen, James Lieualen, Eugene Boylen, Roy Duff of Adams; Mesdames Jack Cockburn, William Harder, of Milton; Miss Veena Marquis, of Pendleton; Mesdames H. I. Watts, Henry Dell, W. P. Littlejohn, Richard Thompson, A. L. McEwen, Jesse Myrick, Arnold Wood, Marion Hansell, Glenn Dudley, Dean Dudley, Frank Ames, Claud Dickenson, E. C. Prestbye, James Cresswell, Penn Harris, J. C. Harwood, A. W. Logsdon, Max Hopper, Alex McIntyre, S. Dickenson, Fred Pinkerton; Misses Pearl Ramsay, Gladys Dickenson of Athena, and Mrs. A. DeMerritt of Walla Walla.

Joint Missionary Meeting

On Thursday November 10th there will be a joint meeting of the Missionary societies of the Helix, Milton, Freewater and Athena churches beginning at 2 p. m. We are using the study book 50 Golden Years. Helix will review Chapter 1, taking as their Roll Call the District of the Northern Baptist Convention. Mrs. Oswald will sing a solo, Milton Freewater will review Chapter 2, giving some personations of Missionary Heroes, taking as their Roll Call "Thanksgiving", Mrs. Bently and Mrs. Munselle will sing a duet. Athena reviews Chapter 3, Mrs. O. O. Stephens leader, Roll Call Missions." There will be a pot-luck supper at 6 o'clock.

Fish License Fee Meeting Endorsed

Oregon-Washington Agreement Seeks Standard Charges.

Olympia, Wash.—A conference between Washington and Oregon fish and game authorities to determine the non-resident license fees which shall be charged Washington sportsmen in Oregon and Oregon sportsmen in Washington was suggested by E. W. Anderson, assistant attorney-general.

Both states have reciprocal clauses in their fish and game license statutes, stating that the fee charged shall be the same as that assessed to non-residents by the other. Washington's general non-resident statute fixes a fee of \$25 for a state hunting and fishing license but excepts residents of "bordering states" under the reciprocal clause. Oregon's law fixes a resident fee of \$5 and a non-resident fee "equal to the fee required by the resident state of non-residents." The only way to harmonize the two is for officials of the two states to determine in conference whether the \$5 or \$25 fee shall be charged by both. Anderson advised State Auditor Clausen.

As to Idaho, which provides a straight non-resident fee of \$50 with no reciprocity clause, the attorney-general holds that Idaho sportsmen hunting and fishing in Washington will be required to pay a like fee.

CROSSING RULING MADE BY SUPREME COURT

Washington, D. C.—A rule of conduct for automobilists and others who cross railroad tracks was laid down by the supreme court in a case appealed by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad.

In setting aside a judgment in favor of the estate of Nathan Goodman, killed at Whitfield, O. The court declared that "when a man goes upon a railroad track he knows that he goes to a place where he will be killed if a train comes upon him before he is clear of the track. He knows that he must stop for the train, not the train stop for him."

"In such circumstances it seems to us that if a driver cannot be sure otherwise whether a train is dangerously near he must stop and get out of his vehicle, although obviously he will not often be required to do more than to stop and look. It seems to us that if he relies upon not hearing the train or any signal and takes no further precaution he does so at his own risk."

The court announced that it had laid down this rule of conduct for the control of all courts "once for all."

MACGRUDER'S PLEA DENIED

Admiral's Request for Hearing Refused by President Coolidge.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge refused to take a hand in the controversy arising out of the recall of Rear-Admiral Thomas P. Magruder as commandant of the fourth naval district at Philadelphia for his written and verbal criticisms of navy administration.

Announcement of the president's action was made by Secretary Wilbur who, after a conference with the executive in the White House, told newspaper men that the admiral's request for a personal interview and for revocation of the recall order both had been denied.

"Admiral Magruder's request to the president has been disapproved and his application denied," was the terse comment of the secretary. He added that he had nothing more to say about the matter at this time.

Tampering With Fall Talesmen Hinted

Washington, D. C.—Information pointing to a possible mistrial in the Teapot Dome oil conspiracy case was taken under advisement by Justice Sissons after he had been in secret conference for three-quarters of an hour with the attorneys and defendants. The conference was invoked by government counsel, who told the court they had something to present which gave the prosecution "grave concern."

Apple Crop Aided by Heavy Frost

Hood River, Or.—The drop of apples in the mid-Columbia orchard sections will be heavy, following frosts of last week.