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## Corporation Tax Cut Date Is Fixed

### Organization Favors Reduction of Debt Instead of Lowering Taxes.

Washington, D. C.—Over the protest of the solid democratic membership, the house ways and means committee decided to make the proposed reduction in the tax rate of corporation incomes apply to payments due next March 5. The vote was 13 to 10.

Determination of the question disposed of the last of a number of major issues that have developed during the drafting of the \$235,000,000 tax reduction bill that the committee plans to present to the house shortly after congress convenes next Monday.

Chairman Green said republicans felt that corporations should receive the benefit of the proposed cut in the rate from 3 1/2 to 1 1/2 per cent as soon as possible. He added that in previous years such reductions always had been applied to payments due the following March.

Representative Garner, of Texas, ranking democrat on the committee, contended that corporations already had included the tax on 1927 earnings in the sale prices of products and thereby had passed the tax along to the consumer.

## EARNED INCOME TAX PROVISION IS SOUND

Washington, D. C.—That the earned income provision of the income tax law should be retained, but the method of calculation may be greatly simplified, is the conclusion of the advisory committee of experts embodied in the report of the joint committee on internal revenue taxation.

This recommendation, which runs counter to the opinion of almost all of the 41 internal revenue collectors and agents whose ideas were sought by the treasury department, may be followed. The revenue collectors do not like the earned income allowance because it is bothersome and the cause of many errors and arguments. They find that it has increased their office work and therefore the cost of collection, and many of them regard it as comparatively unimportant. The tax experts, however, say that reduction of the tax rate for earned income is sound and equitable, and far from insignificant.

The record shows that out of 2,501,166 individual income taxpayers all but 125,171 are affected by the earned income provision, and it makes an average difference of 15 per cent in their taxes.

## FOLSOM DEATHS 13

Four Prison Officials and 26 Inmates Wounded.

Folsom, Calif.—The blame for the Folsom prison riot, with its loss of 13, two of whom were guards, and more than 30 wounded, was placed largely on six convicts, a "lifer" and a killer, three robbers, a burglar and a forger—men designated as "hard" even by the other prison inmates. They are facing the gallows for their part in the rioting.

Tony Brown, 31-year-old gangster, is thought to have been the leading factor in the revolt. It was Brown, according to prison officials, who wielded the revolver and who moved among the other convicts, urging and threatening when some of the more timid wished to capitulate.

In addition to the dead—one of the guards was slain and the other died of heart failure produced by excitement—there are four prison officials and 26 convicts recovering from wounds.

Reorganization of Milwaukee is upended  
Washington, D. C.—The supreme court has denied the petition of the bondholders' defense committee of the Chicago, St. Paul & Milwaukee railroad for review of lower court decisions approving the reorganization plan accepted by the majority bond and stockholders.

Farmer Held as Bank Robber.  
Spokane, Wash.—A little more than an hour after a lone outlaw had held up and robbed the Opportunity State bank at Opportunity, a suburb of about \$1000, B. L. Taylor, a rancher living near Chester, about three miles from Opportunity, had been arrested as the robber.

## McLaughlin High Accepts Medford Hi Football Challenge

Milton—Plans have been completed for a post-season state championship football game when McLaughlin Union high school accepted the challenge of Medford for a game Saturday Dec. 3 to be played at Milton. McLaughlin Union high school, as eastern Oregon football champion, has been undefeated in Oregon for three years, and Medford, southern Oregon champion, has been undefeated for five years.

McLaughlin Union high school last Saturday challenged Grant high school of Portland but Grant refused to play.

McLaughlin telegraphed a guarantee of \$900 to Medford for the Saturday contest. Last year Medford challenged McLaughlin to a championship game at Medford and offered \$900 as a guarantee. The state board refused permission for the game last year, however.

The state athletic board has recognized previously Grant, Medford, The Dalles and McLaughlin as the outstanding teams of Oregon. Grant has withdrawn and The Dalles has already been defeated, having lost its game with Washington high of Portland, which in turn lost to Grant high of Portland. Since The Dalles lost to Washington, which lost to Grant, it eliminated itself. McLaughlin and Medford are the only two outstanding undefeated teams in the state at the present time.

## Former Athena Banker Passes in Nebraska

The following, relative to the death of L. D. Lively, years ago cashier of the First National Bank of Athena, is taken from a Nebraska newspaper of recent date: L. D. Lively, 65, died at a Lincoln hospital Monday after an illness of several months. He had been taken to the Lincoln institution for treatment several weeks ago but failed rapidly. He was an extensive land owner near Gilmore where he had resided the past 25 years.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. M. A. Lively, and by one son, E. L. Lively, also by four grandchildren, all residing near Gilmore.

The remains were brought back to the Brewer Funeral home in South Omaha from where the funeral was held this morning at 10 o'clock. Burial was in West Lawn cemetery, near Omaha.

## Weston Wins First Basketball League Game

The Blue Mountain basketball league opened Monday night with a hotly contested game between Milton and Weston town teams which Weston won by the score of 21 to 15. The game was a fight from start to finish, the score at the half being tied at 11 all.

The second half saw the winner draw ahead making 10 points while Milton was making four points. The game was close and greatly in doubt until the final whistle had blown. Jim Hodgen of Athena played on the Weston team.

Weldon Bell in Hospital  
Weldon Bell, Athena high school boy was stricken with acute appendicitis Friday, and was immediately taken to a Walla Walla hospital, by Mrs. B. B. Richards. Dr. Sharp accompanied the patient to Walla Walla. Examination by Dr. Keylor revealed that an immediate operation was necessary. The appendix was removed, and the patient has been recovering satisfactorily.

Mrs. T. B. Wells Dead  
Mrs. T. B. Wells, a pioneer woman of Pendleton, and well known in Umatilla county, died last week at Corvallis. The body was brought to Pendleton for burial, funeral services being held Monday afternoon from Methodist Episcopal church.

Mrs. Wood Injured  
Mrs. Arnold Wood suffered the dislocation of her right elbow, when she tripped and fell down a flight of stairs at the Imperial hotel in Portland, last Friday. She was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital for treatment.

Pilot Rock Poultry  
David Boyd, Pilot Rock poultry dealer, will ship a carload of dressed turkeys to Chicago on December 6. Between December 14 and 16 the Pilot Rock dealer will ship two more carloads to points on this coast.

## Pilot Rock Boy Won First Place On Radio

### Ted Roy "Singing Black-Smith" Will Enter National Contest.

San Francisco—Miss Emilia da Prato, 20-year-old soprano of South San Francisco, who sang as No. 17 and Ted A. Roy, 22-year-old tenor of Pilot Rock, who sang as No. 10, were announced as winners of the far western district radio audition by Roscoe C. Mitchell of New York, field director for the Atwater Kent Foundation, who directed the audition last Monday night.

The girl winner was born in Italy, and came to California when she was three years old. She is the daughter of a butcher.

Miss Hortense Mills Hough, contralto, of Pasadena, singing as No. 3 and Loran Pease, baritone, of Reno, Nevada, singing as No. 12, were named as alternates. The vote from listeners-in, which counted 60 per cent, exactly paralleled the vote of the judges, two from each state, which counted 40 per cent. A total of 100-321 ballots was cast by listeners, completely swamping tabulating facilities and causing a 24-hour delay in announcement of winners.

The vote was well distributed, the races were very close, and every contestant got at least one vote from one judge. Emma Woodland, Utah; Ernest Peed, Idaho; Donald Novis, southern California, and Catherine Green, Washington, made particularly strong showings.

The district winners, Miss da Prato, pretty brunette who sings in the bel canto tradition of the best Italian opera, and Ted Roy, student at Oregon Agricultural college, known as the "singing blacksmith," will represent the far west in the national radio audition to be held in New York on December 11 and broadcast over a nationwide hookup.

The ten participants in the finals will be received by President and Mrs. Coolidge in the White House prior to the audition. The national radio audition is held to give opportunity and development to young amateur singers of genuine talent, and cash prizes totaling \$17,500, and musical scholarships are offered the winners.

Charge for Auditorium  
The school boards at Weston have adopted rental rates for the auditorium in the new high school building. The leader says: The boards agreed upon letting the new High School auditorium for paid local entertainments. A flat charge of \$15 is made, and of door receipts above this amount 30 percent goes to the schools and 70 percent to the lessees. The charge permits of two nights' rehearsals. No rate was made for traveling companies, which it is understood are not desired in the auditorium.

## Jaunita Woodruff and Frank Williams Wed Thanksgiving

A beautiful home wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Coppock, Thanksgiving day, when Miss Jaunita Woodruff daughter of Mrs. J. C. Riley and niece of Mrs. Coppock, with whom Miss Woodruff made her home, became the bride of Frank Williams, son of Charles Williams, prominent farmer of this vicinity.

The ceremony was at high noon. Just as the clock struck the hour to the strains of a wedding march rendered by Miss Dorothy Lee, the bridal party led by Rev. Bollinger marched in front of the fire place where the mantel was a solid bank of fall flowers. A large screen banked in flowers with the letter W interwoven and lights of a soft yellow shade made a very fitting and pleasing scene. The bride was attended by Miss Ruth Williams sister of the groom, while Kohler Betts acted as best man.

The bride was beautiful in a lovely gown of pale pink satin crepe, with pale lavender applique and carried a huge bouquet of brides pink roses and lavender flowers intermingled and streamers were tied with daisies. Miss Williams was lovely in a dress of pale yellow crepe-de-chine and carried an arm bouquet of roses also.

Rev. Bollinger, read the service, the ring ceremony being used. After the ceremony twenty friends and relatives repaired to the dining room where a bounteous dinner was served by Mrs. Coppock, assisted by Mrs. John Tompkins, Mrs. Ralph Seigel, Mrs. Clarence Hands and Miss Margaret Lee. A large center piece of white chrysanthemums was used on the table.

The bride was pleasantly surprised a few hours before the wedding when her sister and family Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Seigel of Myres, Washington arrived. The happy young couple left immediately after dinner for their farm home south of Athena.

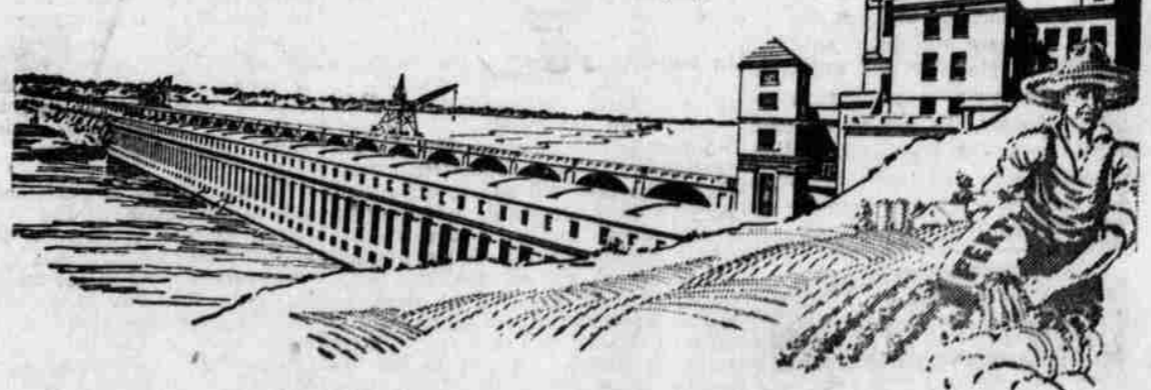
## The Indebtedness of Oregon Schools Given in Totals

Salem—The total bonded indebtedness of school districts in Oregon is \$17,791,402.15, according to the annual report of C. A. Howard, state superintendent of schools. School buildings and grounds are valued at \$49,357,465.32, and the value of school furniture is \$5,211,298.77. The average monthly salary of male teachers in Oregon is \$167.69 and of women teachers \$117.95. The number of pupils enrolled in the elementary grades during the last year was 144,701 and in the high schools 41,258, and the percent of attendance of all pupils was 95.7. The total amount received by the schools of the state during the year was \$26,942,454.26, and the total expenditures was \$23,783,852.54.

## FARMERS INSIST MUSCLE SHOALS BE PUT TO WORK PRODUCING CHEAP FERTILIZERS

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Muscle Shoals—The Farmer's Dream Of Cheap Fertilizers

What will be the next chapter in the long and hectic career of Muscle Shoals?

The magnificent power dam stands fully completed; the \$15,000,000 nitrate plant is fully equipped and ready to operate; the turbine-generators costing nearly half a million dollars each are in place and electric current is being generated, yet no nitrates are being produced.

Only a part of the electric current is being utilized and this goes to the power monopoly of that region—the Alabama Power Company—at a price that falls by more than half a million dollars a year to pay even 4 per cent interest on the fair peace-time cost of the dam and power plant. The price received by the Government is only two mills per kilowatt hour.

At the same time farmers are buying millions of tons of fertilizer each year. The use of fertilizer is slowly increasing but it would go forth by leaps and bounds if cheaper fertilizers were available. President Coolidge's Muscle Shoals Inquiry reported that proper utilization of Muscle Shoals would cut fertilizer costs 43 per cent.

Farm organizations have been able to work out with the leading nitrate producers of America—the American Cyanamid Company—a proposal for the operation of the Muscle Shoals plants on a basis even better than that offered by Henry Ford and finally withdrawn by him when Congress wore him out with its dilatory tactics.

No wonder, then, that farmers are demanding of Congress quick and full disposal of the Muscle

Shoals question in accordance with the purposes adopted when the taxpayers' money was appropriated for this project; namely, for the production of nitrates for explosives in time of war and fertilizers in time of peace.

Congressman W. F. James, of Michigan, acting chairman of the Military Affairs Committee of the House, has the chief responsibility for getting early action on this matter when the new Congress assembles in December. Congress was ready to vote on a Muscle Shoals leasing bill last session, especially the Madden bill introduced by Congressman Martin Madden of Illinois, chairman of the powerful appropriations committee. But Mr. James' committee adjourned without giving Congress the opportunity to vote on any bill.

## Christmas Stocks Now On Display

### Many Novelties Interesting to Children—Practical Gifts Noted.

With the Christmas season at hand, Athena merchants are arranging their holiday stocks for display, and four firms in the city are putting forth special inducements to keep Athena holiday trade at home.

Many lines of suitable practical gifts are noted in the displays, and the lines carried this year appear to be more varied and complete than heretofore.

There is a variety of toys this year, and at a glance it is seen that manufacturers have made wonderful strides advancement in the production of their wares. Mechanical toys dominate and are sure to create more than usual interest in the minds of the children, who are looking forward to a visit from Santa Claus on Christmas eve.

Athena firms who are making special efforts to take care of the home holiday trade this year are Athena Department store, Toys, novelties, furnishings; Steve's, toys, men's furnishings; McFadden's Pharmacy, toys, novelties, Japanese ware, etc.; Rogers & Goodman, silverware, sleds, wagons etc.

There is some talk of a community Christmas tree, but no definite action has been taken regarding this feature. However, it is probable that the churches will have Christmas trees as usual.

## "Clubbing a Husband" at Auditorium Tonight

"Clubbing a Husband" is billed for tonight at High school auditorium. The cast is from the Loyal Gleaner's Sunday school class of the Christian church, and the proceeds are to go for the benefit of the Sunday school. The admission price is 25c and 35c. The cast of characters is as follows: Mrs. Blanche Newman..... Lorraine Pinkerton Mrs. Henrietta Ashton..... Ruth Hackett Maud Ashton..... Edna McIntyre Belle..... Alta Michener Bridget..... Effie Haworth Mrs. Ottaway..... Bessie Thompson Mrs. Ferris..... Blanche Crawford Dr. Jordan..... Mary Harris Mrs. Whitney..... Oletia Miller Mrs. Reynolds..... Katherine Keen Mrs. Harry Hudson..... Myrtle Potts Mrs. Skylark..... Inola Venable

Change in Ownership  
J. E. Snively has sold his Twin City cleaning and pressing plant at Milton-Freewater to T. E. Smith, formerly of LaGrande. Mr. Smith, who has fifteen years experience in the cleaning and pressing business is now in charge of the plant, and his delivery car is making regular trips to Athena.

## Details of the New Ford Car are to be Given Public Today

Today everybody will learn in detail what the new Ford car is to be. At every Ford Dealer's emporium, open house will be held and the car that is expected to revolutionize the automobile industry will be on exhibition. The Press has been invited to hop over the hill and inspect the new car in Otis Adams' Ford agency at Weston.

A public reception is to be held there simultaneously with similar gatherings at every Ford dealer in the United States, thus constituting a part of the greatest automobile show in the history of the industry.

While no detailed descriptions have yet been given out by local dealers, the Ford Motor Company, from its headquarters in Detroit, has announced that the new Ford car will be as far in advance of present public demand for speed, flexibility, control in traffic and economy of operation as the famous Model T was in advance of public demand when it was introduced in 1908.

Dealers have not yet been advised as to the prices at which the new Ford will sell, but definite assurance has come from Detroit that the prices will be entirely in accord with the policy of the Ford Motor company to provide the best possible automobile at the lowest possible price.

## Standard Theatre Picture Program

Coming to the Standard Theatre tomorrow night is Rex Ingram's "The Garden of Allah" starring Alice Terry and Ivan Petrovich. Ingram is the director who made "Ben Hur" and his "Garden of Allah" is made on a big super-picture scale. The picture is shown tomorrow night at the Standard at regular admission prices.

Sunday night Colleen Moore comes to the Standard in the madcap comedy of her career, "Naughty But Nice."

Announcement is made of the booking at the Standard of Metro-Goldwyn's current release of "Becky," with Owen Moore and Sally O'Neil, for December 11. First National's big comedy hit of the season, "Lost at the Front" is coming Saturday night, December 10.

## Three Escape Death When Plane Crashes

Eugene.—Tragedy was narrowly averted here Sunday afternoon when an international biplane, piloted by Ed Ladue of Long Beach, Cal., became unmanageable in the face of a stiff breeze shortly after a takeoff and crashed nearly 50 feet into the center of the Eugene municipal flying field.

Ladue was badly shaken up and suffered injuries to his head. He was given medical attention. Two passengers, a man and his wife, were with Ladue in the plane, but other than being shaken up were uninjured, according to reports from the flying field.

Nearly 100 persons who were at the field to watch the commercial fliers operating their take off witnessed the accident. After rising from the field, Ladue, it was said, banked his plane too sharply and as a result of the heavy south wind was unable to level the machine. The plane crashed immediately to the earth.

Death of Mrs. Staggs  
Mrs. Martha A. Staggs, wife of George W. Staggs, residing in Weston, died Tuesday at St. Mary's hospital, Walla Walla, aged 59 years. Mrs. Staggs is survived by her husband, three sons, Emery, Herman and Glen Staggs of Weston, and one daughter, Mrs. James Beamer of Weston. Funeral services were held yesterday afternoon at the United Brethren church in Weston.

Pledged to Friars  
of the Athena Gun club do down Mari Beryl Hodgen of Athena, a student at University of Oregon has been pledged to Friars, upper-class honorary society on the college campus. Pledging to Friars takes place twice a year when the most outstanding student leaders are taken into the organization. Mr. Hodgen is active in student affairs and captain of the college football team.

Held Turkey Shoot  
Marion Hansell and other members of the Athena Gun club held a turkey shoot on the local grounds last week. Pendleton and Athena shooters participated, the trophies being turkeys, ducks and geese.

## National Grange For Debenture Plan

### Committee Votes for Reduction on Payments Due March 15.

Cleveland, Ohio.—The National Grange closed its annual convention here after adopting resolutions directed to congress reaffirming its position that the "export debenture plan" is the only sound and workable way to achieve farm relief, favoring an increase in the tariff on corn, demanding a tariff commission investigation on wool imports and asking appropriations for an extensive program of fundamental research by the department of agriculture.

"Farm relief through export debentures depends neither upon appropriations nor special taxes," the adopted report said. "By debenture method farm relief can be attained with administrative simplicity, directness and economy of operation."

The grange approved proposals for legislation to reduce the national debt rather than achieve further tax reduction, but went on record as favoring the repeal of the war tax on automobiles in case congress insisted upon further tax reduction.

A resolution to the American Medical association asking that steps be taken to check the dwindling supply of country doctors, "who threaten to become extinct within 10 years if the movement toward the city and specialization continues at the present rate."

## FEDERAL MARKETING FUND IS PROPOSED

Washington, D. C.—One of the trends in the attempt to solve the vexing farm relief problem, as evidenced by conversations of agricultural leaders in congress, is toward a bill to create a government fund to be used in disposing of surplus crops.

While the farm leaders are confining their discussions of a new bill to their own circles just now, it is known that some of them have reached the view that since President Coolidge vetoed the proposal to raise money for marketing surpluses by levying an equalization fee on the farmers the only alternative is for the government itself to produce the funds.

To this end, consideration is being given to a measure calling for creation of a revolving fund of \$250,000,000 or \$300,000,000. This fund not only would be available for loans to co-operative marketing associations, as provided in past administration plans, but it could be used to meet losses from the marketing of surplus crops.

It is understood that President Coolidge has been advised that such a plan is regarded by most farm senators as the only alternative to the equalization fee which he has disapproved as unconstitutional, and it is believed he is giving the proposal serious consideration.

## OREGON LOSES SAND CASH

Washington in Future to Get Most of Sand Revenue.

Salem, Or.—Although the states of Oregon and Washington have agreed to an equal division of any royalty that is collected on sand removed from the Columbia river during the past seven years, virtually all future revenues from this source will accrue to the state of Washington.

A member of the Oregon state land board said that virtually all of the sand removed from the stream in recent years had been obtained from the Washington side, and that there was no reason to believe that the operators would shift their dredges to the Oregon side of the channel in the future. The state of Washington, while agreeing to a division of the royalty collected on sand taken from the Columbia river during the past seven years, has refused to operate under such an agreement in the future.

Karachi, India.—Hundreds of persons are dying daily in the cholera epidemic in Assam and Bengal.

Ritola Again Wins Cross Country Run.  
New York.—Willie Ritola of the Finnish-American Athletic club won the national A. A. U. cross country championship for the fifth time since 1922 at Van Cortland park. He covered the five and seven-eighths mile journey in 29 minutes and 27.1-5 seconds.