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**SANTA CLAUS COMES**

The best news that has come out of Salem in many a day, in the opinion of the Oregon City Enterprise, is that of the reduction of more than a million dollars in property taxes. Announcement that the State Tax commission has cut last year's base, which was \$2,427,805, justifies the recommendations of the Property Tax Relief commission for the enactment of a law taxing incomes from intangibles and a law providing for an excise tax on incomes of corporations. Every property owner in Oregon will receive direct benefit and the news from the state capital is a real Christmas gift.

The State Tax commission, which was also created by the legislature following a recommendation of the Property Tax Relief commission, has estimated the revenues from the corporate excise law and the intangibles tax will amount to slightly more than \$1,000,000. The saving will be distributed among the thirty-six counties of Oregon on the basis of allocated state tax, says the Enterprise. In practical effect the reduction will be greater than the base cut, as the 1929 tax base would have been increased by the constitutional limitation of six per cent if the new tax laws referred to had not been enacted by the last legislative assembly. This six per cent increase would have amounted to \$145,668, so that the actual reduction in property tax will be nearer one and one-quarter million dollars.

Relief afforded through the action of the State Tax commission will cut the state base to about \$1,400,000, the lowest point in many years. As the time for application of a referendum on the new laws has expired there is no danger of the state getting into a financial predicament through the decision of the commission which will be welcome intelligence to thousands of farmers and other taxpayers of the state.

John H. Carkin, Charles V. Galloway and Earle Fisher were named by Governor Patterson, Secretary of State Hoss and State Treasurer Kay to administer the new tax laws. All three of these members of the State Tax commission are not only keen students of modern tax trends but careful administrators. They have given the taxpayers of Oregon seasonable relief. Santa Claus has arrived and the labors of the Property Tax Relief commission have borne fruit.

After persistent endeavor on the part of the public service commission of Oregon, the Interstate Commerce Commission has ordered the Union Pacific to construct a cross state road through Central Oregon from Crane to Crescent Lake, a distance of 181 miles at an estimated cost of \$9,000,000. The Commission directs that work is to begin not later than July 1, 1930, and the new road must be completed within a period of three years. The new line will open up the largest territory in the United States not served by railway systems. Virtually an empire has for years been dormant for want of transportation facilities, retarding Oregon's growth and development of rich resources, while the states of Washington and California have prosperously forged ahead. Oregon as the result of its central portion remaining isolated and undeveloped has been held back with a half-shell handicap, her outer rim being circled with railway transportation facilities, her interior shackled to stagecoach and freight wagon until the more recent advent of automobile and truck. The decision made by the commission is hailed throughout Oregon with joy.

How much timber is there in Oregon and Washington? How long will it last? What rate of cutting can the industries of this region maintain forever? How long can the United States supply its own needs for pulp wood, airplane spruce, furniture hardwoods, etc? These and other like questions may be answered fairly accurately before long by a nationwide survey of forest resources beginning in the Pacific Northwest. Eventually, the survey is expected to be carried out in all forested states of this country.

The Soviet government serves notice on the economic world that it will spend \$3,500,000,000 in major investment, including two tractor plants with joint production double that of the United States and the greatest steel plant in Europe. That's going some.

Pneumatic man has been traced to China where scientists have uncovered

ten skeletons and a single skull in a limestone quarry, where they have been buried for a million years. More data for H. K. Welles to work on.

As he went out the office door he cracked this one: "May I aptly remark that the barbers should now reduce their rates; seeing that the farmers' faces are not so long as they were before the rain!"

It is said that the lure of the United States senate is beckoning Coolidge out of his retirement. So far Calvin "has nothing to say."

Totals of 846 man-caused and 680 lightning-set forest fires were reported on the 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington in 1929.

A headline says all Italy is preparing for the royal wedding. And our guess is that Mussolini will lead the royal procession.

It is estimated that 2,874,680 people used the 22 national forests of Oregon and Washington for recreation in 1929.

So Al Smith is to live in a glass house. Shutters will be required to shut away political brickbats.

This is indeed a machine age, when they wind up football teams by designating them as machines.

How about Trader Horn? Has the Congo lured him back again?

The test of progress is whether or not it benefits the average person.

It is no great matter to associate with the good and gentle, for this is naturally pleasing to all. But to be able to live peacefully with perverse and disorderly persons or with such as go contrary to us, is a great grace and a most commendable and manly thing.—Thomas a Kempis.

Now that the weather is colder, we enjoy more hearty foods and have a craving for meats, fish and other protein foods.

The following are a couple of meat dishes which will be well liked:  
**Carolina Meat Dish.**—Take one and one-half pounds of chopped beef, one small onion chopped, one large green pepper chopped fine, two small pickles cut into bits, one and one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, one-fourth teaspoonful of pepper, the same of paprika and one pimento. Add strained tomato to the meat and seasonings—enough to moisten. Place roll in a greased pan and over the top place strips cut from one pimento. Bake thirty-five minutes in a hot oven. Then add some strips of bacon over the top and cook until they are crisp. Serve hot.

**Another Upside Down Cake.**—Place three tablespoonfuls of butter in a cold frying pan, add one cupful of brown sugar. Melt and add sliced peaches, apricots or sliced pineapple—canned may be used. Pour over this a batter made with one beaten egg, one-half cupful of brown sugar, one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, one-half cupful of brown sugar, one-fourth teaspoonful of salt, one-half cupful of milk (hot) and one cupful of flour mixed with one and one-half teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Mix as usual and bake in the oven forty-five minutes. When ready to serve, turn upside down and serve with cream or a sauce made from the fruit juice used.

**Savory Spinach Salad.**—Dissolve one package of lemon Jello in three-fourths of a cupful of boiling water and three-fourths cupfuls of spinach juice, three tablespoonfuls of vinegar, and one-half teaspoonful of salt. When slightly thickened add one and one-half cupfuls of cooked, chopped spinach, three-fourths cupful of onion juice and turn into a mold. Serve unmolded on lettuce. Garnish with mayonnaise dressing and sliced cooked egg.

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**SCHOOL TOPICS**

(By E. E. Coad, Supt.)  
Somewhere I ran across an anonymous article on friendship that deserves to live. Here it is:  
"A friend is a person who is for you always. When charges are made against you, he does not ask for proof. He asks the accuser to clear out. He likes you just as you are. He would not change you.  
"Whatever kind of coat you are wearing suits him. Whether you have on a dress suit or a hickory shirt with no collar, he thinks it's fine. He likes your moods, and enjoys your pessimism as much as your optimism.  
"He likes your success. And your failure endears you to him the more. He is better than a lover for he is never jealous. He wants nothing from you except that you be yourself.  
"He is the one being with whom you can feel safe. With him you can utter your heart, its goodness and its badness. You don't have to be careful. In his presence you can be indiscreet; which means that you can rest.  
"There are many faithful wives and husbands; there are few faithful friends.  
"Friendship is the most admirable of the most amazing, the rarest article among human beings. Anyone may stand by you when you are right; a friend stands by you when you are wrong.  
"The highest known form of friendship is that of the dog for his master. You are in luck if you can find one kind or woman on earth who has that kind of affection for you and fidelity to you.  
"A friend keeps alive your faith in human nature and makes you believe in a good universe. He is the antidote to despair, the elixir of hope, the tonic of depression, the medicine to cure suicide.  
"When you are vigorous and spirited you like to take your pleasures with him; when you are in trouble you want to tell him; when you are dying you want him near.  
"If you can live fifty years and find one absolute friend you are fortunate. For of the thousands of human creatures that crawl the earth, few are such stuff as friends are made of."

**21 Years Ago**  
Friday, December 25, 1908  
Arthur Stone is over from Walla Walla to spend the holidays with relatives.  
W. R. Taylor and Fay LeGrow spent Sunday at the LeGrow stock ranch on the Touchet.  
The Press is really confused at just what kind of weather item to chronicle. Rain, snow, cold, chinook, all in one package this week.  
Miss Clara Mousu left Tuesday evening for her home in Pendleton, where she will remain for a few days returning the latter part of the week.  
Attorney Wilson left yesterday for Claresholm, Alberta, on legal business. Mr. Wilson will also go to Calgary, with the intention of investing in a section of wheat land.  
Samuel Pambrun's family enjoyed a real Santa Claus Christmas tree at the home south of town last evening. The tree was splendidly decorated and well filled with presents.  
Robt. Tharp has leased the old Fair store building on Main and Fourth streets and will conduct a moving picture show. He will open the show tomorrow night if possible.  
Miss Leta Cannon and Miss Lizzie Sheard, Whitman College students are home for the holidays.  
Miss Eva Wright entertained a number of friends at her home in this city, Saturday evening. Cards, games and refreshments were features of entertainment for the evening.  
Mrs. LaBrasche left Monday for Sequim, Wash., to spend Christmas with her daughter Mrs. Henry Wright.  
A new lodge of Odd Fellows will be organized and the officers installed at Vincent on Tuesday evening, December 29. A large crowd of Odd Fellows will attend from Walla Walla, Milton and Freewater.  
The receipts from the sale and dinner given by the ladies of the Christian church last Saturday amounted to the neat sum of \$156. At the candy booth alone, which was presided over by Misses Kittie Gholson, Nettie Royce and Zelma DePeatt, \$9.40 was realized, home made candies and confections exclusively, being sold.  
Ralph McEwen, the University student and successful manager of Oregon's crack football team is home for the holiday vacation.  
Mr. and Mrs. John Foss and Mrs. Mattie Mitchell of Moro, Sherman county, spent Christmas at the L. J. Foss home in this city.  
Claude Steen of Milton was in town Wednesday and Mr. Steen and wife will probably go on the Walla Walla excursion to California.  
One of the first farmers of large acreage to take up the diversified plan of farming in the immediate vicinity of Pullman is H. H. Curtis a former Athena man, who farms 360 acres of land north of Pullman a short distance, says the Pullman Tribune.  
Mrs. Margaret Bonifer, a pioneer resident of the reservation and widow of the late N. Bonifer died Tuesday at her home south of Athena aged 63 years.

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**NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS MEETING**

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of The First National Bank of Athena, Oregon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may lawfully come before it, will be held in its office in Athena, Oregon on Tuesday, January 14, 1930, at the hour of two o'clock p. m. Dated, December 10, 1929, D13 J10 F. S. LeGROW, Cashier.

**SUMMONS**  
(Equity No. 4807)  
In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
Frank L. Silvers, Plaintiff, vs. Edith T. Silvers, Defendant.  
To Edith T. Silvers, the above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled court and cause within four weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, which date is set forth below, and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to said court for the relief prayed for in said complaint, to-wit: For a dissolution of the marriage contract now existing between plaintiff and defendant.  
This summons is served upon you by publication thereof for four consecutive weeks in the Athena Press by order of Honorable James Alger Fee, Judge of the above named court and which said order was made and dated the 19th day of November, 1929, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 22nd day of November, 1929.

I. M. Schanep, Attorney for plaintiff, Postoffice address: Pendleton Oregon. N22D29

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.  
In the Matter of the Estate of John A. Keller, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That Florence N. Keller, executrix of the last will and testament of John A. Keller, deceased, has filed her final account and report in the administration of the estate; that the County Judge, by order duly made and entered, has appointed Monday the 13th day of January, 1930, at ten o'clock in the forenoon as the time and the County Court House at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place where all objections and exceptions to said final account and report will be heard and a settlement of the estate made.  
Dated this 13th day of December, 1929.  
FLORENCE N. KELLER, Executrix  
PETERSON & LEWIS, Attorneys for Executrix. D13J10

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**Editorials**  
CHRISTMAS! — a happy milestone along the road where friends stop a moment before pressing on into the New Year... a season of rejoicing and hope, of laughter and hand-clasps and warmth of greeting... a time when we may say to old friends and new, the things that lie closest to the heart... when we may speak our appreciation of the happy relationship the years have

woven between this company and its many friends... when we may join in the glad chorus of a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year brimming over with Happiness and Prosperity to every friend the world over.  
A. M. Johnson, Editor

Xmas suggestions from TUM-A-LUM this year  
A ton of "TUM-A-LUM"  
A new built-in breakfast nook.

**Weather**  
Forecast for Athena and vicinity.  
Xmas morning will come earlier than usual and will be on Wednesday this year. Occasional tummy aches will develop toward evening.  
Will your family celebrate the glad season in a home of their own? And as the years go by will the memory of many happy holidays spent under the cherished home roof-tree, be among their most treasured recollections? Build them this year a home they can call their own.

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Next 300...6c per KWH  
Next 400...5c per KWH  
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