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London's Coal Consumption
About 18,000,000 tons of coal are
consumed annually in London

"Book 'em" Tax Levies Cause of The High Rates and High Prices

George L. Myers, retired president of the northwest electric light and power association, says that, based on data secured from all of the largest operating electric utilities, in the five states of Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Utah and Washington, covering the period from 1920 to 1923, it is shown that out of every dollar earned by these companies ten cents was paid in taxes during 1923. He points out that the electric industry is contributing a greater amount of its in-

Radio Now Past Experimental Era

As an entertainment and educational device, the radio is far surpassing motion picture theatres, dance halls or any other form of public amusement.

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There are lectures for the serious minded all the way from literature to electricity and specialists give the latest ideas in dress, dancing, gardening or the various fields of scientific progress. As broadcasting stations are enlarged to give better service over wider areas, radio will give still greater service to the nation.

come to the support of the government than the average industry.

If 10 per cent of the earnings of public utilities are taken for taxation, it means that about one-tenth of the light and power bills of users of electricity is charged for taxation. Utility rates are regulated by the state and taxes paid must be charged up as part of the cost of operation for rate-making purposes. The public is coming to realize that special or indirect taxes make a terrible hole in the family pocket book and it begins to realize that the shifting of taxes from direct taxation of the individual to indirect taxation charged up in service or products, simply causes higher aggregate taxes through the process of passing the tax along step by step—each operation swells the overhead and increases the grand total.

Charles G. Dawes, vice-president-elect, will be on the program at the annual convention of the Oregon Wool Growers' association in Pendleton January 14-15, if a report from Boise that he would be there for the Idaho meeting is correct, Mac Hoke, secretary of the Oregon association says.

In accordance with a contract let by orchardists of the Rogue River valley last fall to the American Can company for shipment from Toledo, O., between November 20 and December 14, 110,000 orchard heaters, or smudge pots, in five cars, arrived at Medford to be used in heating orchards next spring.

Two Sherman County Pioneer Men Pass From This Life Last Week

J. R. Howell, known to a large circle of Sherman county friends, passed away at his home in Wasco late Sunday afternoon following a brief illness, altho he had been ailing for some time. At the time of his death Mr. Howell was aged 78 years and 2 months. Funeral services were held at Wasco on Tuesday afternoon under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. lodge at the church and the Masonic lodge at the cemetery. Interment was in the Wasco cemetery.

John H. Schassen, 62-year old pioneer farmer of Sherman county, of late years a resident of The Dalles, died at the family residence in that city Saturday evening, following a sudden attack of heart failure while down town the preceding Thursday.

Mr. Schassen was born in Hanover, Germany, coming to the United States and to Sherman county when a young man. He homesteaded a farm near Kent which later formed a nucleus for a land holding of about 1000 acres. Two years after locating in Sherman county, in 1896, he married Margaret Patjens who, also, was born in Hanover, Germany.

Funeral services were held in The Dalles on Tuesday afternoon. Rev. W. I. Eck, pastor of the English Lutheran church of that city, conducted the service at the church and the Elks' lodge of that city conducted the service at the grave. Interment was in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

Deceased leaves a widow; one son, John A., of Kent, and five daughters, Mrs. Emma Davis and Mrs. Ann Clark, residing at Kent, and Lillian, Minna and Hilda, residing at The Dalles.

County Court Holds Special Term

In the matter of application for license to operate ferry on Columbia river, applied for by W. L. Wilson: Withdrawn by Wilson.

In the matter of application of H. G. Vanallen, Wm. L. Wilson, J. M. Johnson and R. M. McDonald to operate ferry on Columbia river between Sherman county, Oregon, and Klickitat county, Washington. Continued under advisement by the court, after hearing of arguments by attorneys representing the interested parties.

In the matter of application of Joe St. Martin to operate ferry on Columbia river between Sherman county, Oregon, and Klickitat county, Washington. Continued under advisement by the court, after hearing of arguments by attorneys representing the interested parties.

In the matter of a road applied for in district 15, known as the H. B. Belabee road. Petition granted and damages in the sum of \$100 was awarded to T. S. Reese.

Report of viewers on the proposed Lone Rock market road was received and ordered filed. The total amount of damages awarded by the viewers was confirmed by the court, but the sums in particular cases was changed from the amounts awarded by the viewers to a less amount and the awards in other particulars was increased by the court.

Oregon News in Brief

Consolidation of the Bend Brick company, located 2 1/4 miles west of Bend, and the Central Oregon Brick company, located near Terrebonne, has been announced. The new company will be known as the Central Oregon Brick company.

Because of the growth of the dairy industry in Klamath county the Fort Klamath creamery, which had been shut down for several months, has reopened. More than 200 dairy cattle have been shipped into the Fort Klamath country since October.

In a report to the board of directors of the Linn county chapter of the American Red Cross society, A. C. Heyman, chairman of the roll-call drive this year in the county, set forth that a total of \$2978 had been raised in the county for next year's work.

A bill to limit the powers of county judges in their capacity as juvenile judges will be introduced at the next session of the state legislature, according to J. G. Tate, chairman of the state child welfare commission.

Construction of a new hatchery for the state fish commission at Beaver creek, which is about two miles from Hebo on the Tillamook highway, has been started. The hatchery will be one of the largest in the state.

So rapidly are demands for fiction volumes increasing at the Umatilla county library that the board has found it impossible to buy books in sufficient quantities with the money available to satisfy the demand.

Following a check of its own figures with estimates furnished by the county assessors' office, the Multnomah county tax supervision and conservation commission placed the local 1925 tax levy at 33.2 mills, as against 32.3 mills last year.

The value of all taxable property in the state of Oregon for 1924, including that equalized by the county boards of equalization and that equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission is \$1,058,830,735.61, as against \$1,042,410,618.66 for the year 1923. These figures are set out in a statement prepared by Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner. The total increase in valuations for the year 1924 as compared with those for 1923 is \$16,470,117.95.

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RAINY DAYS IN THE ATTIC

Those rainy days were the perfect days, writes a subscriber. No entertainment could have been devised to give us more pleasure on a rainy day than to spread the collected treasures of The Youth's Companion on bed or floor to read to our heart's content. For the time being we would be disembodied spirits wandering in the far-off, entralling places of earth in the company of Indians, trappers, pearl-divers, the heroes of strange adventure.

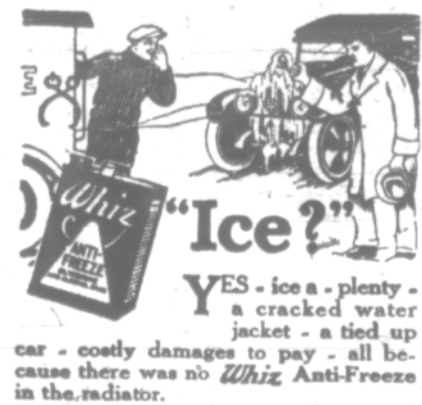
The rainy days come today as in the good old times, and The Companion has still the power to carry its readers away to the college football field, to the wild places of the far west, among the isles of the seven seas.

The 52 issues of 1925 will be crowded with serial stories, editorials, poetry, facts and fun.

The reduction in prices announced by the Ford motor company that became effective December 2nd, will save over three-quarters of a million dollars to Ford car buyers during the month of December alone. That this amount will be left to the car buyers to spend on holiday gifts and other things is based on a conservative estimate of December sales. The largest cut in the Ford list was that of \$25 in the price of the Ford sedan, one of the most attractive Ford closed cars and one which is a favorite for family use. Prices on other Ford types were also reduced bringing all of them to the lowest price level in the history of the company.

Only Use of Vanity

Vanity keeps persons in favor with themselves who are out of favor with all others.—Shakespeare.



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