

BILL MAY REPEAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEM

Measure Prepared at Instance
of County Clerks Gives County
Court Charge of Auditing.

STATE COUNTY TREASURERS WILL ENDORSE MEASURE

Linn Delegation to Legislature
Will Favor Bill For Econom-
ical Reasons.

A bill which if passed, will repeal the present uniform system of accounting in force throughout the counties of the state, and which will place the auditing of county books under the hands of the county court will be introduced at the coming session of the legislature. A copy of the bill was received at the county clerk's office today, and R. M. Russell and W. W. Francis are authority for the statement that it meets with the unanimous approval of the county clerks and the county treasurers of Oregon. The matter was brought up at the convention of county clerks in Portland held December 11 and 12 in Portland, when general dissatisfaction was expressed at the present system.

The Linn county delegation will be in favor of the measure, as a phase of their economy platform. Representatives Charles Childs of Brownsville, who was in Albany today, examined the draft of the bill which will be introduced, and expressed himself as thoroughly satisfied with it. He could not state, however, by whom the measure would be introduced.

The bill follows:
An Act, To require County Courts of the State of Oregon, to have an official audit of the records and affairs of all County officials handling County Funds, and providing a penalty for the violation thereof, and for the repeal of all acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

Section 1. It shall be the duty of every County Court of the State of Oregon, to have an official audit made by a competent accountant, at the end of each calendar year of the records and affairs of each and every county official handling county funds, said audit to be made oftener if deemed advisable, by the County Court, all such audits to be made under the jurisdiction and supervision of the County Court, and all fees for such audit or audits to be agreed upon, by and between the County Court and the claim or claims for fees for such audit or audits shall be presented by the accountant making such audit and shall be passed upon by the county court and a warrant drawn upon the county treasurer in payment of such claim or claims as other claims against said county are paid.

Section 2.—Any County Court of the State of Oregon, violating any of the provisions of this act shall not receive any compensation during the time such court fails to have such audit made and upon failing to have such audit made at all, such county judge and commissioners shall forfeit to the county the salary and fees due them from the county and it shall be unlawful for the county clerk to draw any warrants in payment thereof.

Section 3. All of chapter 286 of the Session Laws of Oregon for the year 1913, and all other acts and parts of acts in conflict herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

DAYTON NOW FEARS ANOTHER GREAT FLOOD

(By United Press Association)
Dayton, O., Jan. 7.—Dayton is facing the possibility of another serious flood. The Miami river is rising rapidly. Seventy men are prepared to dynamite the huge ice gorges and are watching at the junction of the Stillwell and Miami rivers. The ice gorges at Muskingum are licking the rivers and threatening the bridges at Zanesville.

PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE OF WIFE BEATING; FINED \$20

Katie Lutz Says That Husband
Poured Bucket of Water Over
Her While She Was in Bed.

George Lutz, of near Crabtree, was fined \$20 and costs amounting to \$8.45 this afternoon in the justice court for assault and battery committed on the person of his wife, Katie Lutz, on December 12. He pleaded guilty to the charge and likewise to a similar one also made by his wife.

Mrs. Lutz alleged in her first complaint that on the morning of December 12, while she lay in bed, her husband had thrown a bucket of cold water over her, then had dragged her from the bed, knocked her down and knelt on her. On January 6, he had, according to the wife's allegation, choked her while she was in bed.

After Lutz pleaded guilty to the second charge, sentence was suspended during good behavior.

ENGLAND LIFTS EMBARGO ON WOOL AND HIDES

(By United Press Association)
Washington, Jan. 7.—England notified the state department that it will lift the embargo on wool, hides, and skins shipped to the United States on condition they are carried in British bottoms. England will require shippers to guard against re-exportation of raw and manufactured products.

PERSONAL MENTION

D. H. Pierce, of Harrisburg, is in Albany today on business.

Miss Rose Young went to Scio this morning to visit there with her city.

Byron Wolfe, of Portland, was in Albany this morning on his way to Mill City where he will spend a couple of weeks hunting.

W. W. Crawford came in from Lebanon this morning.

S. R. and Roy Dugan, of Portland, were in Albany this morning on their way to Mill City.

O. H. Temple, of Lebanon, passed through Albany this morning on his way to Big Eddy.

Prof. Dearborn, of O. A. C., was in Albany this morning on his way to Salem on business.

Mrs. Inez Campbell, of Illinois, was in Albany this morning on her way to visit her parents at Lyons.

E. Clark, of Portland, was in Albany this morning on his way to Mill City where he will attend to business matters.

G. A. Griffin who has been stopping in Albany for the last few days left for his home near Thomas this morning.

George W. Smith, of Salem, passed through Albany this morning on his way to Gooch.

Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Rowley, of Lebanon, spent last night in Albany and returned to their home this morning.

R. H. Carl left for Bussard on a hunting trip this morning.

C. W. Marils, of Gooch, spent last night in Albany and returned to his home this morning.

Dave Hawkins of Portland, was in town yesterday afternoon on business. He left this morning for Corvallis.

S. A. Grindle, of Thomas, was here yesterday on business. He left for his home today.

J. P. Bontrager left this morning for Portland where he will attend to business matters. From Portland he will leave for Idaho.

C. R. Widmer went to Portland on business this morning. He expects to return Sunday.

John Cartright, of Harrisburg, is in Albany this morning on business.

Francis Kiser, of Roland, is an Albany visitor today.

John Houser, of Corvallis, an old time rural carrier in this vicinity, was in Albany attending to business matters yesterday.

RUSSIANS WIN BIG VICTORY

Turkish Army Is Badly De-
feated and Russians Pursue
Sultan's Troops.

ALLIES GAIN WILL CONTINUE SAYS PARIS

Both Official and Unofficial Re-
ports Tell of Victory; Ber-
lin Denies Claims.

(By United Press Association)
Petrograd, Jan. 7.—Transformed from an army into a disorganized mob, the beaten Turkish forces in Trans-Caucasia are reported to be fleeing before the Russians. It is said the Mohammedans were trapped and routed with enormous losses. The fighting in Southern Poland is almost halted by violent rains. In the north it is stated the Russians assumed a vigorous offensive in the Mlawa region.

Hard Fighting Reported.
Berlin, Jan. 7.—Hard fighting in the eastern and western zone is reported with no particular gains on either side except that the Germans made substantial progress in the Argonne region. In north Arras the French are trying to recapture the trenches the Germans took earlier in the week. In the Argonne it is stated the Germans gained and are still on the offensive. In Alsace and west Sonnenheim, the conflict is reported as still raging, the French attempting to retake positions lost to the Germans.

Allies Making Gains.
Paris, Jan. 7.—Uninterrupted successes by the allies everywhere they are in contact with the Germans is claimed by both official and unofficial advices from the western zone. The repulse of the German aerial attack on Dunkirk and the allies' ammunition supply bases in its vicinity are claimed. Hostile aviators were driven away by the French aeroplanes. Between the North Sea and the River Lys, it is declared the French artillery silenced a number of German main batteries. There were no infantry engagements in this district. It is stated, on account of continued rains and floods.

Danish Ship Sunk.
Copenhagen, Jan. 17.—The Danish steamship Shingolf was sunk by a North sea mine and the crew of 17 perished, it is learned.

\$17,000 REAL ESTATE DEAL IS CLOSED BY LEBANON MAN

P. Scroggin and Seymour Washburn have sold their stock ranch of 560 acres a few miles east of Lebanon to D. Kingsbury of Portland, for \$17,000. Mr. Scroggin has also sold his residence in this city to the same gentleman for \$6,000. Mr. Kingsbury will move here in a couple of months with his family and they will make their home in this place and he will superintend the stock ranch. The ranch is well improved and is said to be one of the best stock ranches in this vicinity.

Mr. Scroggin will soon begin the erection of a splendid new residence to cost between \$4,000 and \$5,000 on the eastern boundary of the city, on the location of the old slaughter house, which is a fine building site, with sloping ground on the east side to the small stream.—Lebanon Express.

FUNERAL OF BABY GIRL IS SOLEMNIZED TODAY

The funeral of little Ruth Erwin, the seven months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Erwin of 1053 West Seventh street, was solemnized this afternoon at the residence of the parents. Interment took place in River-view cemetery.

Death came Tuesday as the result of pneumonia.

COST OF LINN JUDICIARY IS COMPARATIVELY SMALL

\$1,484.25 Is Cost Given For
the Nine Months Ending
September 30.

According to statistics compiled in the office of state insurance commissioner Ferguson in Salem, the cost of conducting the circuit court of Linn county, exclusive of the salaries of judges, which are paid by the state, was \$1,484.25 for the nine months ending September 30, 1914. The total cost of such courts throughout the entire state mounted up to \$83,200.04. The sum paid out by this county in the dispensation of justice is much lower than that of a majority of counties in Oregon. The largest amount paid by any county is that of Multnomah, where the expense was listed at \$6,034.52. The least paid by any county was in Wheeler, where \$508.85 was necessary to conduct the courts.

The court expenses of the various counties in the state are as follows:

Baker	\$ 3,039.22
Benton	1,304.82
Clackamas	1,711.70
Clatsop	3,540.15
Columbia	4,705.78
Coos	2,011.40
Crook	2,935.60
Curry	No report
Douglas	2,373.05
Gilliam	2,227.95
Grant	1,178.25
Harney	1,450.30
Hood River	1,224.40
Jackson	7,672.40
Josephine	1,507.55
Klamath	3,183.16
Lake	1,346.60
Lane	3,368.00
Lincoln	1,961.93
Linn	1,484.25
Malheur	3,255.62
Marion	4,150.81
Morrow	1,242.40
Multnomah	6,034.52
Polk	1,910.55
Sherman	569.60
Tillamook	2,430.90
Umatilla	2,501.63
Union	1,727.19
Wallowa	2,581.99
Wasco	1,342.78
Washington	3,822.24
Wheeler	508.24
Yamhill	2,884.55
Total	\$83,200.04

ARIZONA ALIEN LAW IS DECLARED UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Provides That at Least Eighty
Per Cent of Employees Must
Be Americans.

(By United Press Association)
San Francisco, Jan. 7.—Arizona's alien law, providing that at least 80 per cent of the employees on payrolls where more than five persons are employed must be American citizens, was declared unconstitutional by Federal Judges Morrow, Van Fleet and Sawtelle, sitting as the United States district court of Arizona. Notice of appeal to the supreme court was given.

OREGON SENATORS ASK PRESIDENT TO OREGON

(By United Press Association)
Washington, Jan. 7.—Oregon, Washington and Idaho senators and congressmen urged the president to include these states in the speaking tour he is to make following his visit to the Panama exposition at San Francisco in the spring. The president gave little satisfaction, saying that if within the realm of possibility he will include the northwest on his itinerary. Chamberlain headed the delegation.

W. M. Moss, of Sweet Home came into Albany this morning to attend to some business before the county court.

Henry C. Moran, of Crawfordville, is in Albany today on business.

O. J. Maley, of Foster, is an Albany visitor today.

J. M. Philpott, of Harrisburg, is in Albany today on business.

GERMANS PLAN FOR AERIAL RAID

Aircraft Scouting Over British
Island Thought Signal For
Haid on London.

BRITISH PREPARE TO MEET THE ATTACK

Scouts Driven Off By English
Craft; One Badly Damaged
But Not Captured.

(By United Press Association)
London, Jan. 7.—Added precautions of authorities indicate the belief that an important German aerial raid is expected in the near future. Additional men were sent to the coast guard stations, and crews in charge of aerial guns were strengthened. The police were instructed to rigidly enforce the lighting regulations.

The precautions follow the discovery that Zeppelins have been cruising over the straits of Dover, escorted by armed aeroplanes. It is believed they were sent up to determine the air currents, and similar preliminaries to a general raid, probably on London. Zeppelins were plainly seen at Dunkirk. They didn't approach within range of the guns but aeroplanes fired upon them, and drove them off. One was hit but escaped. Both Zeppelins and aeroplanes are reported to have carried light machine guns. It is believed if the raid materializes, it will be directed on the naval bases, in an attempt at retaliation for the Cuxhaven affair. The British aerial squadron is prepared and armed with machine guns and bombs.

Harold Young, of Eugene, was in Albany this morning on his way to Salem on business.

Ed Nixon, of Harrisburg, is in Albany today on business.

Charles Rendla, of Crabtree, is in Albany today on business.

Miss Faith Thom, of Lebanon, is visiting here at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Horsky.

Dayton Harris, road supervisor of district 22, was in Albany this morning on business.

O. S. Boyles, of Crawfordville, is in Albany today.

J. C. Holbrook, of Brownsville, was in Albany yesterday evening.

COLLECTS ALCOHOL JAG; WILL PLEAD TOMORROW

Arrested on a charge of drinking and creating a disturbance, Ira Nate was taken into custody this afternoon by Chief of Police Austin and Officer Grif King, and was locked in the city bastille until tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock when he will appear for trial before Police Court Judge Van Tassel.

The arrest took place at the Albany rooming house where Nate has been making his headquarters for the last three weeks. Officer King stated this afternoon that the man was badly under the influence of the intoxicating fluid, and had evidently been partaking of straight alcohol as several bottles were found on his person and about his room.

SOCIALIST PROTESTS AGAINST LARGER ARMY

(By United Press Association)
Boise, Ida., Jan. 7.—Senator Bowman, the only Socialist member of the Idaho legislature introduced in the senate a joint memorial to congress protesting against undue increase in the nation's armament and calling on the president to use his influence to bring about a cessation of the European war.

The house and senate are appointing committees this afternoon preparatory to a 60 days' session.

FRANK RYALS TELLS OF NARROW ESCAPE TUESDAY

Says Street Railway Company
to Blame For Accident
Which Occurred.

Although badly disturbed both in mind and body as the result of an accident sustained Tuesday night at the corner of Ferry and First streets, Frank Ryals, of near Albany, has not as yet decided whether or not he will bring suit against the Albany street railway company, who he states are to blame for colliding with his buggy and throwing him violently to the ground. "If it does come to trial," said Mr. Ryals this afternoon, "I have plenty of witnesses to back me up."

The accident, details concerning which have just become known, occurred Tuesday afternoon at about five o'clock. According to Mr. Ryals' story, he was driving up Ferry street from the feed shed, when the car struck his buggy. He states that no warning bell was run, and that he was thrown violently from the vehicle. The horse dragged the buggy over him, and only through the assistance of Frank McClung whose truck was standing nearby, was a more serious mixup averted.

The street car was driven by Otto Melcher.

BRITISH STEAMSHIP IS SUNK BY A MINE

(By United Press Association)
Scarborough, Jan. 7.—The British steamship Alfreda was sunk by a mine off Scarborough. The crew got off in boats and nine members reached here. The captain and 12 others are missing. Search for them is in progress.

CITY NEWS

Will Have Children's Choir.
Those who attended the revival meetings at the Methodist church last night are warm in their praise of the excellent work of the evangelists. Thodet sung by Mr. and Mrs. Park, was very much appreciated, and Mr. Park spoke on "Personal Evangelism." There will be services this evening and tomorrow evening but no service on Saturday. A large children's choir is being trained and they will appear for the first time tomorrow night.

At the Hotels.
Registrations at the Vandran for yesterday afternoon and this morning include: W. E. Wadsworth, S. C. White, F. R. Dunn, F. H. Rifer, W. S. Elliott, and J. Johnson, of Portland; J. H. Smith and wife of Corvallis; and C. Skelly and William Meadows of Lebanon. At the Albany are: W. D. Wallace, W. O. Nisley, W. O. Azling, G. W. Howard, J. K. Weber, H. C. Barr, D. H. Hawkins, H. L. Hall, O. Wyss, and E. Lippman, of Portland; and Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Starnard, and Mrs. C. McCoy, of Brownsville. At the St. Francis are: C. H. McFarland and W. R. Tripp, of Brownsville; Charles J. Nackos and wife, of Roseburg; E. C. and R. H. Roberts, of Lebanon; and G. W. Simons, B. P. Elmore, E. A. Morris, and N. J. Quill, Jr., of Portland.

Evangelist Spoke on Sin.
At the revival meeting at the Christian church last night Rev. Fagan spoke on "The Greatest Detective in the World," his text being, "Be Sure Your Sin Will Find You Out." A feature of tonight's services will be the singing of Miss Merle Nimmo. The sermon will be on the subject, "The Conversion of Mr. Moral Man." The meetings will close Sunday evening.

Farm Sold.
Through the Pacific Real Estate company, C. H. and Del McClure purchased the Jerrom Williams farm of 50 acres near Palestine church, Benton county. C. H. McClure will leave by Saturday for his home in the Philippine islands to settle his business affairs, whence he will return and make his home in this beautiful Walmatette valley.

Basketball Tonight.
A basketball game will be staged tonight at the armory between the Madison and Central school teams. The former team won in the last contest pulled off between the two by a score of 16 to 12. Both teams will go to Corvallis Saturday to put on a double header in that city.

IRRIGATIONISTS MEETING TODAY

Linn Delegation Leaves For
Portland to Consider Irriga-
tion Questions.

THREE HUNDRED FROM ALL OVER STATE WILL ATTEND

Committees in Coming Legisla-
ture May Be Named During
Three Day Session.

Portland, Jan. 7.—The Oregon Irrigation congress convened here today. There was no fixed program, but speakers will not be permitted to talk until they become wearisome.

Whether the congress will recommend that future irrigation projects be handled exclusively by the state, by the state and government jointly, by the state through the various irrigation district organizations or by private enterprises financed with state credit is a question that was being discussed today.

A large number of delegates were present at the opening session. The congress will continue until Saturday night.

A. M. Hammer, Sam Garland, and Ed Cusick are the Linn county delegates who are representing this section at the Oregon irrigation congress which opened this morning in Portland. Mr. Garland went down several days ago, Mr. Cusick left for Portland last night, and Mr. Hammer was the last of the Linn delegates to leave Albany, starting this morning.

According to reports from Portland, a large number of representatives from the various parts of the country are pouring in today, and it is expected that there will be approximately 300 in attendance at the three day session. Nearly 100 of these will be from the Deschutes country. Linn county legislators predict that as the irrigation congress is being held just previous to the opening of the legislature, that many of the committees for the coming session of solons, will be named and that some preliminary stunts in politics may be pulled off.

A number of matters are pending which are expected to keep the delegates interested. One of these is the plan agreed on by state and Federal authorities for the irrigation of 200,000 acres in the Deschutes River Basin. This matter probably will be brought up by J. N. Teal and State Engineer Lewis. The reclamation of this land would mean the settling on it of about 500 families. The irrigation possibilities of Crooked River in Harney county; on Silver Lake, in Lake county, on a large body of land in Malheur county; the John Day project of 150,000 acres in Morrow and Gilliam counties, and others will be up for consideration.

The Ferris bill, now pending before the United States senate, has friends and opponents among the delegates to the irrigation congress, and may precipitate trouble. There is considerable hostility against the measure which provides for federal control of water resources and water power, and there are delegates who fear that this would be detrimental to irrigation projects.

ANNUAL Y. M. C. A. MEETING POSTPONED FROM TUESDAY

That the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. board of directors will be postponed from next Tuesday until some date later in the month was the decision reached at a preliminary meeting of the board held last night. The reason given for the change is that the financial campaign of the association is not yet complete, and it was argued that the annual gathering should be put off until a full report of the financial condition of the organization can be given.

L. E. Hamilton, H. Babb, W. A. Eastburn, H. W. Torbett, and Ralph Knotts were appointed as a nominating committee to suggest names for six new candidates for positions on the board who will have to be elected for 1915.