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## LINN COUNTY NOW HAS A HEALTHY SURPLUS

Salem, March 1.—According to Insurance Commissioner Wells' report, counties at the close of the quarter ending December 31, last, 22 of the 34 counties of the state had deficits and 11 had a surplus. The reason given for so many counties having deficits is that it was at the close of the year and the tax levy had been exhausted. The report is made by Insurance Commissioner in his capacity as state accountant, and it will be the last he will make, as the bill abolishing the department will become a law in 90 days.

Counties not bonded, having deficits are: Baker, \$11,765.23; Benton, \$27,581.19; Clackamas, \$138,017.90; Coos, \$99,195.87; Crook, \$91,814.21; Curry, \$36,316.65; Gilliam, \$7,527.03; Harney, \$57,367.44; Josephine, \$257,947.05; Klamath, \$470,345.99; Lane, \$86,826.57; Lincoln, \$72,845.78; Malheur, \$27,733.17; Morrow, \$2,460.05; Polk, \$27,607.27; Umatilla, \$11,145.82; Wasco, \$8,516.31; Wheeler, \$54,506.41.

Counties that are not bonded and which have a surplus are: Douglas, \$64,952.47; Grant, \$32,728.99; Lake, \$10,926.19; Linn, \$3,589.61; Marion, \$118,099.09; Sherman, \$6,814.68; Tillamook, \$867.95; Union, \$3,428.49; Wallowa, \$1,639.35; Washington, \$54,306.41.

Counties with bonded indebtedness and their deficits are: Clatsop, \$454,994.18; Columbia, \$278,752.06; Hood River, \$16,884.52; Jackson, \$735,191.99; Multnomah alone of the bonded counties has a surplus, it amounting to \$165,222.47.

The bonded debts of the above counties are as follows: Clatsop, \$389,153.00; Columbia, \$360,000.00; Hood River, \$50,000; Jackson, \$500,000; Multnomah, \$250,000.

### Drastic Drug Law

Washington, March 1.—A new federal law providing for strict regulation in the sale of certain narcotics went into effect today, and its enforcement and regulation will be part of the duties of the department of internal revenue.

The law requires that anyone who produces, imports, manufactures, compounds, deals in, dispenses, distributes or gives away any opium, or the other drugs included in the law, shall register annually with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which he does business and for the purpose of the law, the residence of anyone dealing in such drugs in regard to his place of business. Registration shall be mailed to July 1 of each year and the dealer at the time of registration shall pay a special tax of \$1. A majority of physicians, druggists, dentists and veterinarians will be compelled to register.

Government and state officials purchasing for hospitals, etc., are exempt. It will be unlawful for anyone to handle the drugs without registration.

In addition to the tax of \$1 for registration, the sale of these drugs shall be exclusively made through a form prescribed by the commissioner of internal revenue and to be sold by the collectors of internal revenue in their respective districts.

It will be unlawful to sell, exchange or give away any of the drugs without a written order of the person to whom such article is sold or given. This order is to be made out on the form and a duplicate of the order is to be kept by the seller. The original in the hands of the buyer and the duplicate retained by the seller must be kept for a period of two years, during which time any agent of the internal revenue service or any state officer or municipal officer in whose charge the regulations for the sale of drugs is placed, may examine either the original or the duplicate.

Conviction for violation of law is punishable by a fine of not more than \$2,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both.

### OREGON INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Salem, Mar. 1.—Permanent registration law enacted will save large sums, and endless trouble to voters and make separate city registration needless.

E. Jerome, of Portland, promoting railroad from Prineville to Redmond. Harrisburg to have a new city hall. D. J. Reily, Dallas, building movie theater \$1 by 130 feet.

Buck box factory, Eugene, received carload steel for egg crates.

Canning jackrabbits proposed for Eastern Oregon industry.

City of Portland will build \$100,000 dam for storage reservoir at head work on Bull Run.

Pacific Power and Light Co., operating in Oregon and Washington

shows gain in net earnings.

Marshfield to have a 50 by 140 roller skating rink.

Bourne—Development work in the mines being pushed.

Outside of the appropriations, there need not be many more than 20 or 30 bills introduced, instead of as many hundreds.—Condon Times.

Albany—Flying Squadron boosting cannery.

Emerson Hardwood company of Portland receiving cargoes logs from Orient.

There are still a few officials who do nothing but labor to raise taxes and burden industry.

Large shipments of burlap are entering free of duty at Portland—means cheaper sacks for farmers.

Tillamook 1914 cheese product was 3,608,843 pounds, gain 186,712 over 1913.

Lebanon Criterion thinks the present legislature has given the state a just excuse for its existence.

The legislature was treated to cider made at the Talent cannery.

Hubbard—Building a new highway to the west.

Portland—Imperial Hotel dining-room to be enlarged.

Rogue River Public Service corporation asks franchise at Florence.

Jim Blaine and Greenback mines in Josephine county are working stampmills.

Celebration of establishing new Hill steamer line to Frisco at Plavel Mar. 16.

Marshfield is to have a conservatory of music.

Highway from Gold Beach to Grants Pass is projected.

R. C. Rasmussen conducting creamery at The Dalles for 3 years, opens creamery at Pendleton.

Medford fruit and produce association will haul and pack all products for members.

Doubling the coyote bounty is to solve the unemployed problem in Eastern Oregon.

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### THE LAW OF NEUTRALITY AND WAR STATED

The government of a neutral state is obliged to abstain from taking any part in the war. It must not sell munitions of war or loan money to a belligerent though there is no duty imposed upon a neutral state to prevent its people from doing so.

It is the business of a belligerent operating on the high seas, not the duty of a neutral, to prevent contraband from reaching an enemy.

The right to blockade and the right of search are two rights which a belligerent may exercise and in which a neutral must acquiesce.

A blockade, in order to be binding, must be effective, but a blockade does not embrace the right to establish a barrier across portions of the high

seas adjacent to enemy territory and constituting a common highway for neutral commerce.

The right of search is commonly exercised at sea. Protests by the United States against the present British practice of taking neutral vessels into port and detaining them there for search seems warranted by the mode of visit and search in past years.

Extraordinary seizures of offense such as the submarine and automatic contact mine tend to impair what heretofore have been regarded as inalienable rights of a neutral.

The Hague conventions of 1907 regulated the use of such agencies of destruction which were adopted by the United States, Austria-Hungary and Belgium, however, are the only belligerents in the present war to accept the conventions without reservation. Montenegro, Russia, Servia and Turkey refused to ratify them.

The occasional use of a neutral flag by a belligerent vessel under stress of pursuit and to deceive an approaching enemy is not contrary to international law.

The right of people of the United States to send foodstuffs to belligerent states depends upon the solution of the problem as to what constitutes contraband of war and when it may be captured. Where rests the burden of proof as to whether foodstuffs, destined for a belligerent country are not for the use of the forces of that nation, is a difficult question, but the tendency is to place it upon the neutral shipper.

The whole law of contraband remains unsettled. Views as to what is absolute and what is conditional contraband vary. There is disagreement as to when conditional contraband is subject to capture and condemnation.

### 150 ELK ALONG THE M'KENZIE RIVER

Eugene, March 1.—A band of 150 elk is struggling for existence near the headquarters of the south fork of the McKenzie river, in eastern Lane county, according to A. C. Shelton, field worker and curator of the University of Oregon zoological museum, in the high cascades. Timber wolves are assailing the elk.

"This band of elk with probably a few at the head of Horse creek, near Horse lake, were the only ones reported to me on the trip," said Mr.

Shelton. "McKenzie river is about the southern boundary of the timber wolves' range, but there are enough of them to endanger the existence of the few remaining elk.

"I often wonder why deer and elk do not become extinct. In the Cascades the fawns are borne down by wild cats and cougar, and the full-grown animals by cougars and wolves. What the animals leave, humans attack during the open season."

Mr. Shelton set about 25 traps for specimens for the zoological department, and secured other specimens from trappers. George H. Moody, a noted trapper, packer and guide of the McKenzie region, gave him valuable assistance. Beaver, which are protected at all seasons, are becoming fairly numerous along the McKenzie and its tributaries. Mr. Shelton says, but otter have almost disappeared, and years of trapping have greatly reduced mink, marten, coon, civet cats, mountain beaver, and wildcats. Of these furbearing animals, however, Mr. Shelton returned with 50 specimens. The specimens are used for museum purposes and for the study of zoology.

### Canal Employees Must Pay Rent.

Washington, March 1.—Under a presidential order effective today, employees of the Panama canal and Panama railroad will have to pay rent and buy their fuel and electric current after today. Heretofore they have been supplied free of cost.

The change follows the creation of a permanent force of employees for the operation of the canal in place of the floating labor used since the United States undertook construction of the waterway. The effect of today's order is to substantially diminish the comparatively high scale of compensation which marked the construction period.

Where employees have to live in certain designated quarters, one-half the rental will be remitted, and where quarters' compensation of army or navy officers is not sufficient to cover the rent the difference will be remitted.

### Amateur Billiard Championship.

Philadelphia, March 1.—The National Billiard Amateur championship association began at the Union League club here today a series of games for the Class A tournament championship.

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