

State House Gossip
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ent persons over that age may have at least \$60 a month may not be the exact form wanted, but it is a definite basis for some State Pension proposal. The plan as amended by the County Judges will be presented to the State Legislature.

Customers of business houses and the general public wishing to step into various offices to use telephones were up in arms the past week at the manner which the Telephone Company has taken to one phase of the Public Utilities Commissioner's order issued a short time ago.

True, the order of the Commissioner featured the reduction in Telephone rates which all parties would share, and true, the order was enjoined by the Telephone Company, but the Court Injunction applied only to the reduction in rates, not to other phases of the order upon which the phone companies would seemingly eventually benefit. That is the cause of the recent complaints.

One clause instructed telephone companies to restrict the use of business phones to the general public, requiring placing private phones out of convenient reach and to install pay phones where the traffic would require. It is not the fault of the business firms, nor necessarily that of the telephone company. Orders are orders where they are not enjoined. Thousands of complaints against the ruling have been filed with the commission by citizens.

Last Saturday the sale of new automobile license plates was started. And while the new plates are appearing on cars, it is predicted the present plates will be the cheapest that automobile owners, particularly owners of heavier cars, will ever again be able to purchase. Either a graduated scale for autos will be invoked by the new legislature or a personal property tax on cars will be assessed. Increased demands for plates at this early date have already been noticed.

The State Legislative Taxation Committees will have the hardest duties at the coming session attempting to balance the demands for relief against decreased tax revenues. An interesting study of some phases of our taxation problems has just been made by the Tax Commission.

For instance tables show that total property taxes have decreased over 8 1/2 million dollars the past four years from \$50,222,606 to \$41,572,394. Utility taxes have decreased the least, less than half a million in that time, from seven and a half millions to little more than seven million, or six per cent.

On the other hand it is revealed that real property taxes have decreased 16% or two and half times more than utility taxes, from 37 million to 31 1/2 million. The largest proportion of decrease has been in personal property, from more than five million to three million the past four years. Decrease in personal property taxes was declared due to lower inventories of merchants brought on by the growth of chain stores.

Last year the State, in addition to the property taxes, collected thirteen and a half million dollars in additional taxes, such as gas tax and others, including motor, license and income taxes.

A new commission looms for the State. The Legislature will be called upon to consider creation of an athletic commission to rule boxing and wrestling. The chief of this commission would be named by Governor Martin, and he would name, reports state, Earl Goodwin, his congressional private secretary as ardent follower of these sports.

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"Make this an Oregon Christmas" is the slogan being adopted in factories and stores. Employees in factories throughout Oregon are being reached by special messages requesting that they "kill two birds with one stone" by buying Oregon made goods as Christmas presents, thereby stimulating Oregon business and building payrolls and relieving unemployment.

State Hort Meeting Draws Big Attendance

A two-day program crammed full of reports and discussions dealing with all phases of the tree fruit industry drew nearly 200 growers and others interested to the forty-ninth annual meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural society held at Hood River December 10 and 11.

Elmo Chase of Eugene, was chosen as the new president, succeeding John H. Mohr, of Hood River. Other new officers are Elmer Chastain, Milton, first vice-president; Col. Gordon Voorhies, Medford, second vice president and Dan Pearson Hood River third vice president. O. T. McWhorter, O. S. C., was re-elected secretary-treasurer, and Raymond W. Peter, Medford, was re-elected to another three-year term as trustee. Other trustees whose terms hold over are Glenn B. Marsh Hood River, and Howard S. Merriam, Goshen.

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More Holiday Cookies

Those just couldn't be enough cookies made for the Holiday Season. No other one confection can be put to as many uses as cookies during this season of the year. Packed carefully and wrapped in gay colors they make acceptable gifts. For the Christmas basket they are most appropriate and too, they answer for the informal entertaining that falls upon most of us during the holidays. Here are a number of cookie recipes that will help fill the need for this busy season of the year.

Spice Cookies

4 cups sifted flour
1/2 tsp soda
2 tsp phosphate B. P.
2 tsp cinnamon
1/2 tsp cloves
1 tsp vanilla
2 cups chopped nuts
2 lbs dates
2 cups sugar
1 cup butter
3 eggs
3 tsp buttermilk
Sift dry ingredients and combine with dates and nuts. Cream butter and sugar, add well beaten eggs, buttermilk and vanilla. Combine with dry ingredients and drop by spoonfuls onto an aluminum cookie sheet. Bake 375 F. until a golden brown.

Date Sandwich Cookies

1/2 cup butter
1 cup brown sugar
1 1/4 cups rolled oats
1/2 tsp soda
1 1/4 cups pastry flour
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Santa Claus Cookies

1 cup sugar
1 egg
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup milk
2 tsp baking powder
2 cups flour
2 to 2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 tsp salt
1 tsp salt
Cream butter well, add sugar and the egg. Combine dry ingredients and add alternately with milk. Finally stir in vanilla. Extra flour may be used to facilitate in handling the dough. Roll thin, brush with egg white and cut in Christmas designs, Santa Claus, trees, animals, etc. Colored sugar, raisins, nuts, citron, dates may be used for facial features. Bake in a moderate oven.

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