

TAXES ON FARMS HAVE MORE THAN DOUBLED, 8 YRS.

WASHINGTON, March 6.—(By Associated Press.) Taxes on farm lands have more than doubled in the eight years from 1914 to 1922.

A canvass of the department of agriculture just completed, shows the average amount of state, county and local taxes paid by farmers throughout the country in 1922 to have been 79.9 cents per acre compared with 31.4 cents in 1914. That was an increase of 156 per cent in the eight years. The canvass disclosed that roads and public schools were the principal causes of the increased taxes.

New Jersey farmers were paying the highest taxes in 1922 with an average of \$2.22 per acre compared with 96 cents in 1914.

The average taxes paid per acre on farm lands in 1914 and 1922, by states included:

Montana 7 and 16; Wyoming 19 and 39; Idaho 59 and 140; Washington 33 and 70 and Oregon 27 and 78.

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CALIFORNIA LOSES TO IDAHO 20-28

MOSCOW, Idaho, March 6.—Practice to adapt their style of play to the University of Idaho floor was before members of the University of California basketball team here today, following their defeat by the Idaho Vandals last night, score 28 to 20.

If the Vandals win tonight's game they will win the Pacific coast conference title for 1923, to go with the Northwest conference title, won from the University of Washington last week in Spokane. If the California team wins tonight a third game will be necessary to decide the series and the coast championship. It practically has been decided that such a third game would be played in Spokane.

The small size of the Idaho floor and the low ceiling placed the Bears at a disadvantage in their game here last night. The Idaho team has developed a short, snappy pass game and outmaneuvered the Bears to the extent that after the first quarter hour of play the Vandals never were headed.

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Governor Vetoes Bill, Auto Race to Be Held

INDIANAPOLIS, March 6.—The international 500-mile automobile race, premier event of its kind in the world, will be held here Memorial day as usual, as the result of Governor McCray vetoing an unconstitutional bill passed by both houses of the Indiana legislature, which would prohibit the race. A last minute attempt to pass the bill over the governor's veto was made in the senate, but failed.

The measure which was sponsored by the state department of the American Legion and which resulted in a split in that organization, was intended to prevent the commercialization of Memorial day.

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PRESIDENT IN FLORIDA

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party with the exception of Secretary of War and Mrs. Weeks, who plan to leave the train at St. Augustine, was the houseboat of Edward B. McLean, the Washington publisher, who with Mrs. McLean will act as hosts during a trip down the Indian and Halifax rivers. A game of golf was arranged as the first feature of the president's vacation on reaching Ormond about mid-day.

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WORLD INDIFFERENT TO GERMAN FATE SAYS CHANCELLOR

BERLIN, Mar. 6.—(By Associated Press.) Chancellor Cuno, addressing the reichstag on its reopening today and referring to the occupation of Mannheim, Karlsruhe and Darmstadt, said had such action occurred anywhere else among civilized states, the world would have been full of indignation at such a breach of the peace, but since it happened to Germany it was merely a small extension of the Ruhr action and unworthy of particular notice.

Chancellor Cuno derided the French contention that these occupations were in reprisal for the sinking of a barge in the Rhine-Herne canal. He said the occupation of Offenbourg, Appenweiler, Emmenich, Wesel, Koenigs-winter, Caub and Loevenhausen had occurred on a similarly trivial pretext and in the last three places because France was dissatisfied with the demarcation of the bridgeheads provided by the Versailles treaty.

The chancellor pointed out that a representative of the British government in the house of commons had described this action as devoid of justification in the treaty.

Germany, said the chancellor could not negotiate, "in view of the situation created in the Rhineland and Ruhr through the Franco-Belgian transgressions."

He intimated that so long as the powers continued their armed violation of German sovereignty and maintenance, and even extended, their hostile occupation of German territory, which was immune by virtue of the Versailles treaty, the German government could not be expected to assume the initiative in respect of any action looking to settlement of the present conflict.

LONDON, Mar. 6.—A Central News dispatch from Berlin says that the Ruhr allies have occupied Remscheid and Kronberg.

Remscheid is in Prussia, 18 miles east of Dusseldorf. It is the most important center in Germany for the manufacture of small iron and steel wares. Kronberg is a Prussian town in Hesse-Nassau, not far from Koenigsberg.

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RUM RUNNERS IN BALTIC SEA ARE GETTING WEALTHY

COPENHAGEN.—Rum, not specifically the sugar cane product of Jamaica and Cuba, but rather any kind of alcoholic beverage stronger than claret and beer, is the basis of a smuggling trade in the Scandinavian countries and Finland that rapidly is assuming national proportions.

Most of it comes from Germany. There it costs one crown a liter, and it finds a ready sale elsewhere at six crowns; hence there is a fine margin of profit for the rum-runner. Finland is a dry country, so there is no question of the market. Norway also is dry, but with certain limitations. Spain and Portugal compel her to accept a certain amount every year of wines like port and sherry, else they would not buy her fish, and Norway must sell her fish. Sweden has in operation a system of rationing which permits limited consumption, while in Denmark there is no limit whatever, every man can drink as much as he can afford to buy. But here the duty is fantastically high, and cost is the only prohibitive agent.

Occasionally the runners lose a cargo, but this matters not so very much, for the profits easily take care of any such incident.

The customs police on shore have been strengthened, and the authorities are watchful, but nevertheless the smugglers are having it nearly all their own way. The reason would seem to be that they are just a little bit smarter than their opponents, and succeed, in some cases, in keeping at least one jump ahead of them. For instance, there was the case of the German who double crossed the Norwegians. The Norwegian customs people were seeking a good, speedy boat to keep the rum runners away, and they found a German in Lubeck who had just what was wanted. A seaworthy motor boat, 110 feet long, good accommodations, and with a guaranteed speed of 20 knots. The price was right, too, and in German marks to boot. So a sale was made, much to the satisfaction of the Norwegian customs authorities, who sought congratulations on their energy and business acumen.

The new boat was taken out for the first time, with high hopes. But the rum-running boat she found at sea was a speedy craft too. She ran a circle around the customs boat, and then disappeared in the fog at 28 knots an hour.

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Big League in Florida
BOSTON, Mar. 6.—A spring big league series in Florida with four National league and four American league teams participating, is under consideration, according to word reaching here today.

HALE TELLS OWN STORY

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have been made against him by Bunnell in two arguments on the main street were also recounted by Hale.

Bunnell is a southerner, well past middle life, who bought a home from Hale, out of which a lawsuit grew, now amicably settled. It was brought out by the defense examination.

Hale said he was unable to identify Howard A. Hill, defendant, as a member of the party.

Ordered "Hands Up"

Hale first told the story of the men coming to his home about 9:30 o'clock p. m., March 17, 1922, and entering an auto under the impression he was going to answer a long distance call from "folk relatives in either Eugene or Marshfield." He said after entering the back seat of the car, he was ordered to hold up his hands. He was driven for about an hour. He judged the distance was 30 miles, and the number of the party 15 or 18. Hale said he had never been able to locate the scene of the hanging since.

Hale testified after disembarking from the auto he was led to a post beneath an oak tree, a rope placed around his neck and the other end thrown over the limb of the tree. He could not tell the exact size of the rope. When in this position he was asked, he said, regarding his relations with young women of Medford, and when he denied any wrong, was called "a liar," and a cry went up, "Bring on the rope!" Hale declared he was asked to confess to something he had not done, and when he refused "they stretched my neck." Hale said he had attempted to ease the strain by standing on his tiptoes. The witness also testified he was ordered to "return letters; you know who they belong to," and dismiss a law suit pending against a "certain Medford citizen," leave town by Monday night, as "he was not a decent citizen," that he could see Evan Reames, his attorney, but once, and was threatened with death if he ever told. Hale said he agreed to all this, under duress, and told the band that he was already preparing to move to Portland. Witness testified he was then told "500 men in Jackson county have been watching you, and 10,000 will be watching you in Portland."

Swooned in Car

After this ordeal, Hale enroute to the car said he was suffocated by the heavy cloth over his face, and swooned, and alleged it was at this stage of the proceedings he identified Dr. Bray. As he lay on the ground a call went up for a doctor, and that Dr. Bray came forward, and rubbed his neck, back and stomach and said: "Brace up and be a man; you're not going to die. We're going to take you back to your babies!" Hale swore he recognized Dr. Bray, from his face and hands and voice, and described what he termed the treatment given him.

Hale then told of the trip home, and said there were three men in the car besides himself, and that to one in the front seat he had said, "I'd know that voice if I heard it in Texas." He swore this observation was met with a drawn gun, and the words: "If you say that again I'll blow a hole through you!" He said he requested the man to take off his mask, shake hands, and be friends. He said he was "rolled out of the car about 250 yards from his home," and that there had been talk of taking him to a hospital, as he was in a serious condition. Hale testified that while in a swoon at the scene of the "hanging," mud was rubbed on his face to cool it off, but he did not know who did it. He alleged he was told to tell his people, "you have had a fit," if asked for an explanation of his condition.

Hale testified the "kidnappers" wore long black robes and black hoods with eye holes.

Under cross examination by the defense, through Attorney Winslow, Hale was queried at length regarding his relations with three Medford young women, and made a general denial of any wrongdoing. This subject was opened up by the state, in its closing questions of direct examination.

Hale admitted he "talked some of marriage," but denied that he had been engaged to anyone.

Conversations Denied

Asked regarding conversations had with Mrs. Bunnell, Hale generally replied he "didn't remember." He was also hazy on the courtship details, and indefinite about any and all engagements.

He admitted he had discussed "the future" with Mrs. Bunnell, and denied accusations, alleged to have been made at that time by the mother. He flatly denied that he had said to Mrs. Bunnell, regarding one girl, that he said "that was the one mistake of my life." He also denied that one of the girls involved had threatened to kill herself unless he married her, and that his son Jay had taken the revolver from her.

Hale also denied that he had ever said, "if the Bunnells don't stop talking, I'm going after them for damages." He also declared he had never said to Mr. Bunnell in the Union depot in Portland, "that there was no rope, and he had never been hung," and that he had never made similar statements to Tom Faxon in front of the Medford National bank, with Colonel E. E. Kelly near or in the presence of Attorney H. A. Canaday in the Root Music Shop on Main street.

The witness also denied that in the office of A. E. Reames, in the presence of Tom Word, federal investigator, he had identified Dr. Bray by his voice and hands, and a ring thereon, without mentioning his face, and that Dr. Bray had said: "Come out on the street and make that statement in front of a reputable citizen, and I'll sue you for damages."

Hale's Shirt Identified

The days when Hale had a bodyguard, and his movements the past year were delved into by the court, and it developed that Hale carried a gun "more or less since the hanging."

and his permit from the sheriff of Jackson county was introduced as evidence.

A silk shirt, torn, and identified by Hale as worn by him on the night of the "hanging" was introduced as evidence, as was a letter received by Hale, March 20, 1922, which was printed and as follows:

"You know what you were to do by Monday 3-20-22. You lied. We are coming soon or late. Reames is No. 2. Committee Tar and Feathers."

Court adjourned with Hale still under examination, with the state offer of a night session opposed by the defense.

The testimony of Miss Ruberta Pierce, on defense cross-examination was postponed until after the examination of Hale, owing to his physical condition.

The cross-examination of Hale was completed in the circuit court at Jacksonville at 10:30 this morning by both sides. Wan and weary, after a sleepless night, Hale continued to give his testimony and answer questions from a couch placed before the jury, and the two alternate jurors, both women.

Hale's Affairs Touched On

Far ahead went the defense in its cross examination of Hale. His romances with women, delicate affairs of the heart, his ways with them and his opinion of the gentler sex were all subjects of quizzing by the defense. They asked about statements he was alleged to have made to M. B. Bunnell, and other Medford citizens, as to statements made on the streets. Only once or twice did the trend of queries stray to the actual "hanging."

Hale denied making derogatory statements of women to Bunnell, on an auto trip with him through the northern part of this county. Once he said man said he had been friendly with the Bunnells, and described them as "very nice people." He said he had written "some very sweet letters" to the Bunnell daughter, and had returned them to Bunnell. In response to a question by the state Hale said these letters were one of the objectives of the necktie party, and that he had fulfilled his promise at that time to return them. Hale denied all questions asked by the defense, relative to statements he was alleged to have made to Mrs. Bunnell in the Bunnell home.

The defense asked Hale regarding purported meetings with Miss Ruberta Pierce at Eugene, Salem and Roseburg last January, and entered a sweeping denial of any wrongdoing at that time. Efforts to tell of alleged attempts to break into his room at Salem by men claiming to be officers was blocked by the defense. Dr. Bray, one of the defendants, is said to have seen Hale at Roseburg.

Hale Taken to Hospital

The state on its final cross-examination of Hale, brought up an incident in the Multnomah hotel at Portland, involving the state contended. Defendant Hill and was met with objections from the defense, the court ruling the state would be allowed to develop its proof along the lines of conspiracy.

Alleged "harassing" of Hale, since the kidnapping and hanging, will be brought out by the state, during the course of the trial, the assistant attorney general hinted.

The morning session was slow and uninteresting, with no new points developed. A couple of sharp interchanges of words by attorneys burst forth, to be quickly suppressed by the court. A crowd that filled the pioneer courthouse comfortably attended the morning session.

Hale, after finishing his testimony, was taken to a hospital for treatment. He was on the stand for three-quarters of a day, and his story at the finish remained unshaken in any essential detail.

Miss Pierce Testifies

Miss Ruberta Pierce, comely, 24, and quite determined, completed her day on the witness stand this morning, with a sweeping and emphatic statement, that "there had never been anything but the most proper relations" existing between herself and J. F. Hale. Well versed in legal procedure, from long experience in the county clerk's office, she parried neatly the queries of defense counsel.

Miss Pierce described the status of her affairs, as "not exactly engaged," and that she had made "week-end visits" to Hale at Roseburg, Salem and Eugene, "paying my own way."

At Salem she testified a "policeman

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knocked at her door," and she "peeked around the corner of the door at him," to inquire what he wanted. She said the minion of the law did not state. The young lady testified that she was now residing with an aunt in Los Angeles and had paid her own expenses to this city.

Jay A. Hale, son of the "hanging victim" aged 17, was called as the third witness of the trial, and was subjected to no cross-examination by the defense. He described events following his father's return from the expedition. He could not identify a torn shirt worn by his father.

William L. Craig, an auto mechanic, testified just before the noon recess, that he "had belonged to the same fraternal organization, as defendants Hill and Dr. Bray," and that he attended a meeting at which they were present, and all wore regalia. He described the regalia as consisting of black sack cloth reaching to the heels, and a cowl, cut square on top, and reaching down on the forehead, but not covering the face. The court ruled that the name of the organization was not admissible. Craig is now a resident of Salem. The cross-examination of Craig was brief.

Attorney Evan Reames testified to being called to Hale's house on the night of the "hanging," and described conditions there as he found them. He also described Hale's condition. He was not cross-examined by the defense, except to be asked if he represented Hale as attorney in this case, which was acknowledged.

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