

TOBACCO BILL HAS APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE

Measure Would Yield \$750,000 Yearly for State—Dealers License Included in Act.

SALEM, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Senator Fred E. Kiddle's tobacco tax bill, estimated roughly to yield \$750,000 a year for the general fund of the state, received the approval of the joint ways and means committee last night and will be introduced in the house today.

The measure provides for a 10 per cent privilege tax on cigarettes, cigarette papers, wrappers, tubes, cigars, smoking tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff and other tobacco products. It is not a stamp tax. July 1, this year, is made the effective date.

Retail and wholesale dealers would be required, within 20 days after the effective date, to procure from the state tax commission licenses to engage in the tobacco business, the retailers paying an annual license fee of \$5, the wholesalers \$10.

Involves Bookkeeping. Retail dealers would be required on or before August 10, 1931, and on or before the 10th of each month thereafter, to file a report with the tax commission showing the amount of gross sales and the wholesale price of the tobacco products sold during the preceding month. Wholesale dealers would be required, within 20 days after October 1, 1931, to file with the commission a report of all sales made to retail dealers from the effective date to October 1. Similar reports would be required within 20 days after January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1 of each year.

Every dealer would be required to pay the tax commission a license or privilege tax of 10 per cent of the wholesale price of the tobacco products sold.

FORMER MONTANANS TO CONDUCT DANCE

The Montana club will hold its regular meeting at the Walker hall in Central Point, Tuesday evening, February 24, according to an announcement today by Ray Schumacher, chairman.

Dancing will be enjoyed during the evening, but no luncheon will be served at the meeting. All former residents of Montana are urged to attend the social.

Anniversary of Lincoln's Birth Brings Interesting Anecdote From Former Spy

SOLDIER WAS NICKNAMED BY EMANCIPATOR



Abraham Lincoln

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 12.—(AP)—"The Flea," so-called by President Abraham Lincoln, because of his ability to move quickly as a spy for the Union forces during the Civil war, still lives.

He is Jason H. Edgerly, 52-year-old resident of Blue Island, Ill., whose store of anecdotes of the Emancipator was added to the long list recounted with the approach each year of the anniversary of Lincoln's birth. Today marks the one hundred and twenty-second anniversary.

It was after he had stolen the Willow Creek battle plans "from under the nose of Robert E. Lee," Edgerly said, that Lincoln gave him the nickname of "The Flea."

Secretary of State Seward had doubted the authenticity of Lee's signature on the plan, so Lincoln called Edgerly in for a conference.

"Did you ever try to put your finger on a flea?" Lincoln is quoted as asking Seward—"I find he wasn't there. That's the way with my man. He got those plans and immediately wasn't there."

When the Confederate general, Early, started his four-day attack on the city of Washington, Edgerly said he escorted Lincoln in an examination of defenses. Lincoln was curious, he said. He stood boldly on the fortifications, looking out toward the Confederate lines.

"A cannon shot fell near him. 'Get down from there, Mr. Lincoln,' Edgerly said he advised. 'They have our range. Get down and let me watch.'

"Lincoln said something about my life being as sweet to me as his to him, but right then a minnie ball hit between his feet.

"Get down, Mr. Lincoln," Edgerly said he yelled and reached up to help the president.

"All right," Lincoln is quoted as answering, "I will."

Discovery of the part that Edgerly played in Lincoln's career and the finding of documentary evidence that Lincoln once served on the circuit court bench in Springfield as an acting judge, were the only new stories of Lincoln's life that have been brought to light during the past year, local historians say.

Since Lincoln's death 55 years ago, some 2,000,000 persons have journeyed to Springfield, where he is buried, to pay tribute to his memory.

SCOUTS PLANNING RADIO PROGRAMS EVERY SATURDAY

Radio programs are being broadcast over KMED by the Crater Lake council every Saturday at 5:15. Various troops in the area are now planning to give special programs of entertainment and emphasis on Scouting and troop activities which take place in the council.

These programs are under the direction of Lloyd Showers who will arrange the schedule of programs and assign an hour to each troop that wishes to fill in a program.

The following outline of programs has been arranged for the rest of February and the month of March:

Feb. 14, Rev. F. A. Brown and the Cubs from Talent—Songs and a Cub play.

Feb. 21, Boy Scout play, "Bob, an Eagle Scout"; Harold Williams; Jimmie a boy of the street, Herbert Harper; Betty, just a curious schoolgirl; Joyce, Danish; trumpet solos by Mr. Buchanan.

Feb. 28, reserved for Troop Six of the Methodist church. Thomas Boothby, scoutmaster. A troop program.

March 7, reserved for Troop One of the Catholic church. Bob Duff, scoutmaster. A troop program.

March 14, reserved for Troop Seven of the American Legion. James Hannister, Scoutmaster. A troop program.

March 21, special Scouting program.

March 28, reserved for Troop Nine of the Medford Rotary club. George Kunzman, Scoutmaster. A troop program.

LITERARY GROUP PLANS INTERESTING PROGRAM AT FERN VALLEY MEET

FERN VALLEY, Ore., Feb. 12.—(Spl.)—Friday, the thirteenth proves the traditional unlucky day for Fern Valley. The Literary Society meeting scheduled for that date has been postponed until February 20 on account of so many being sick.

An interesting program has been planned by the committee. Mrs. Joe Kantor Jr., Margaret Hughes and Tom Williams.

There will be two special features. One, the Fern Valley play which was written for the program by John Quincy Stewart. The original characters taking their own parts. They are Lillian Kantor, Ole May Struht, Fred Robley and Harry Steel.

The other feature is a poem to be read by Tom Williams. The author, Nick Oovine is a resident of this valley. He is the step-son of Dan DeWitt. Songs, dances and sketches will make up the rest of the program. A hearty invitation is extended all the community. Refreshments will be served. All attending are requested to bring either cake or sandwiches. If you have not been notified call Margaret Hughes.

Tillamook—Highway work south of here rapidly nearing completion.

FATHER AND SON SCOUTS BANQUET MONDAY EVENING

The annual father and son dinner, which is always an event in connection with the celebration of Boy Scout Anniversary week will be held this year at the Elk Temple at 7:00 o'clock Monday evening February 15. A record attendance is expected this year, preliminary estimates placing the number at between three and four hundred Scouts and "dads."

Regional Scout Executive John H. Piper of Spokane will be present and give the address of the evening. Veteran badges will be presented to a large number of local scout leaders who have

served in various capacities in Scouting for at least five years.

It is said that one 10-year badge, one for 15 years and one for 20 years of continuous service in Scouting will also be presented on this occasion.

All new Scouts who have registered since December 1 will be presented with a miniature Teardrop badge by the regional executive at the father and son dinner.

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HOLD DEBATE FOR ROGUE GRANGERS

ROGUE RIVER, Ore., Feb. 12.—(Spl.)—At the regular meeting of Live Oak Grange February 2, the

meeting opened with the lecture hour, which was open to the public. A large crowd was present to hear the debate between the teams of Medford high school.

The question under discussion was "Resolved: That chain stores are detrimental to progress. The program opened with two readings, then a number of songs by the boys' octette.

Miss Helen Wilson and George Bennett were for the affirmative,

while the negative was Donald Darnelle and Max Carter. An interesting verbal battle ensued, ending in victory for the affirmative. The debate team is under the leadership of Professor Bailey.

After the lecture hour the grange held the business meeting. Six new names were submitted for membership.

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