

### How the Sales Tax Would Lower School Costs in Jackson County

SALEM, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The sales tax bill for school relief passed at the special session of the legislature on December 10 will reduce county tax levies approximately one mill and will cut \$3,000,000 a year from the school district taxes of the state according to an analysis of the bill by State Superintendent C. A. Howard based on the state tax commission's estimates of the revenues it will produce.

Receipts from similar revenue measures in operation in other states indicate that the Oregon bill will produce \$4,000,000 annually. Seventy-five per cent of this sum, or \$3,000,000, will be apportioned to the school districts in proportion to the number of classroom units, or the number of teachers required. This would amount to \$400 per teacher-classroom unit, since there are approximately 7500 such units in the state. On this basis a one-teacher school would receive \$400; a two-teacher school would receive \$800; and a five-teacher school would receive \$2000. The bill requires the county assessor to cut from the district property tax levies the amount estimated to be received from this fund.

The remaining twenty-five per cent

of \$1,000,000 will go to the county school funds of the counties on the basis of the assessed valuations as equalized by the state tax commission and the county assessor of each county is required to reduce the county property levy by the amount received from this fund. This reduction will average approximately one mill.

The amount that would be received from the sales tax revenues by some typical school districts based on attendance reports of June, 1933, and the reductions in district taxes that would result are shown in the following tabulation. The valuations that were used in computing millage reductions were those reported by the county assessor in March, 1933.

The districts that are marked "Elementary" in this tabulation are in either a union high school district or in the county high school district. In addition to the millage reductions set opposite them in the tabulation they will participate in the reductions of the union high school districts or the non-high school district to which they belong. The tuition charge for pupils from the non-high school district will be reduced approximately \$15.00 per pupil as a result of the sales tax.

Jackson County School Districts	Teacher Classrooms	Annual Apportionment in District Tax Sales Tax	Reduction in District Tax
2. Ruch, elem.	1	400	4.3
22. Talent, H. S. and elem.	7	2,800	4.2 Approx.
34. Applegate, elem.	1	400	4.8
72. Near Talent, elem.	1	400	4.8
95. Near Medford, elem.	2	800	3.0
1. Jacksonville, H. S. and elem.	7	2,800	4.5 Approx.
85. Rogue River, H. S. and elem.	8	3,200	3.1 Approx.
87. Central Point, H. S. and elem.	11 1/2	4,600	4.6 Approx.
8. Gold Hill, H. S. and elem.	10	4,000	2.8 Approx.
9. Eagle Point, H. S. and elem.	6	2,400	6.4 Approx.

### Lionel Barrymore at Rialto



Lionel Barrymore has the leading role in "Stranger's Return" at the Rialto theatre today and tomorrow for their new double feature program. It is a picture of the currently popular Phil Stong novel of rural life, which follows his recent "State Fair."

As the 35 year old patriarch of a farm founded and pioneered by his family, Barrymore has one of the most interesting characterizations of his career.

His gentle philosophies and understanding form a refuge for Miriam Hopkins, in the role of his granddaughter returning to the farm after an unhappy love affair. Franchot Tone, Stuart Erwin and Reulah Bondi are also featured.

"Circ" Sale is the leading player in the other feature on the same program. "Dangerous Crossroads," a thrilling story of the men who push the giant locomotives through all sorts of hazards to keep on time.

### Joe Brown in Craterian Hit



Joe E. Brown—he of the wide mouth—shows the world what he would do if he were in the navy, as his latest picture "Son of a Sailor" docks at the Craterian theatre for three days starting today. On the same program, the theatre is offering Lillian Harvey in her second American screen appearance, "My Lips Betray", with John Boles as her leading man.

"Son of a Sailor" has Joe as "Handsome" Callahan, telling the world

that he is bothered by hordes of adoring women, but the beautiful damsel of the cast seem to have other ideas on the subject. The picture, said to be Brown's best in a long series of hilarious successes, comes to Medford for its Pacific coast premiere showing.

"My Lips Betray" brings Lillian back to Medford in a light, romantic story of a maid and a king, filled with Harvey's singing, dancing, and love-making to John Boles, in the role of a king.

### INSULL GUILTY OF PART IN COLLAPSE UTILITY CONCERNS

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Federal Judge Evans A. Evans ruled today Samuel Insull, Sr., was guilty of collusion in bringing about the receiverships of his two billion dollar group of public utility holding and finance companies.

The court upheld the contention of Attorney Samuel A. Etzelson that no further allowance of credit should be made to certain receivers and attorneys.

Etzelson had charged that Insull, Sr., and certain bankers interested in Insull securities held bonds on loans to the collapsed finance houses had collaborated in seeking the appointment of friendly receivers.

Calvin Pentress, one of the original co-receivers of Insull Utility Investments, Inc., but removed later by federal court order, asked for payment of his fees and the petition brought opposition from Etzelson as attorney for his wife, a stockholder and heavy loser.

The court determined, however, that the appointment of Pentress himself was made unquestionably by federal court order "uninfluenced by any outside recommendation" and that Pentress merited approval in his conduct of the receivership.

### NEW YORK DAY BY DAY BY O. O. McIntyre

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A leisurely stroll through one of New York's vast department stores is as exciting as any jaunt on the island. Morning or gan recitals, afternoon fashion shows, best selling novelists autographing books, expert bridge games, aquariums, zoos and screen and stage stars.

Here are varieties and follies not surpassed by Ziegfeld and Carroll. The penny-arcade pinchers and the spinning mass together for bargain hunting maps. I commend to singers out of rare beauty the array of any glove counter. Why gloves, is a secret of department store psychology.

Frequently I submit to the impulse of fingering some counter article, looking about furtively and watching the jumping-jack appearance from behind a reared-of derided fellows, known as store dicks. They never miss a bet. From then on you are trailed.

Much comedy has been evolved, too, from those exquisites in gardenia cutaways and pearly striped trousers—the patricians of Ahab. Yet no class of workers expresses greater courtesy. Tap them and you find potential doctors and lawyers via a night school route. Two ex-floor walkers are movie stars.

### Now at Holly



The thousands of Rogue River valley people to whom Lewis Carroll's immortal fantasies, "Alice's Adventures in Wonderland" and "Through the Looking Glass," have made an indelible impression since childhood ought to be delighted when they see Paramount's screen version of Carroll's classic at the Holly theatre this week.

Paramount has spared neither expense nor effort to give films fans a realistic and authentic celluloid account of Alice and her adventures in a land where everything is backward and nonsensical. The producers have taken seven scenes from each of Carroll's stories and titled the result "Alice in Wonderland."

### Tuneful Melodies In Roxy Musical

Crammed full of tuneful melodies, pulchritudinous girls, and the best talent that Broadway, Hollywood, and the radio always have to offer "Moonlight and Pretzels," at the Roxy theatre today and tomorrow, is a clever fast moving and refreshing musical.

It is a backstage romance with Broadway as the setting, yet contains none of the stereotyped humbug that has characterized and ruined so many celluloid musical comedies. In straightforward fashion it tells the story of an energetic young song and dance man whose ambition it is to become Broadway's leading songwriter.

Composed by four of America's ace songwriters, the tuneful melodies reflect the spirit of the times in a manner unique for screen musical comedy. At least three of the numbers in the score may truly be said to be descriptive of the present American scene.

"Moonlight and Pretzels" features a cast of stage, screen, and radio notables headed by Roger Pryor, Leo Carrillo, Mary Brian, Alexander Gray, Lillian Mills, Bernice Claire, the Frank and Mill Britton Band, The Four Ten Boys, Herbert Rawlinson, Jack Denny and his orchestra, Doris Carson, and fifty of New York's most beautiful show girls.

### WAGES TOO HIGH IN CWA ASSERTS RECOVERY CHIEF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Hugh S. Johnson protested to the civil works administration today against its paying higher wages than are being given by many industries under codes.

"It is an absurd situation," he asserted at a press conference, "but it is up to the CWA. All I can do is call their attention to the inconsistency."

He went on to explain that the code-fixed minimum wages in all cases are supposed to represent the utmost that industries now can afford to pay.

He considered it "ridiculous" that men from bread lines, placed on what he said amounted virtually to a federal dole, should have more attractive pay than those normally employed in industries, some in competing lines.

Told that civil works officials considered the situation an "indictment" of code wages, Johnson said that was "just words" and that he could not be disturbed by it.

### In "42nd St."



"42nd Street," musical comedy spectacle, opens at the Studio theatre tomorrow.

"Midnight Mary," powerful crook drama, brings a strong cast headed by Lorena Young, Ricardo Cortez, Franchot Tone, Andy Devine and Uax Merkel into one production to be shown at the Studio, today only.

### SOLON SUED FOR HEAVY DAMAGES IN AUTO SMASHUP

SALEM, Dec. 23.—(AP)—Dr. J. A. Best of Pendleton, member of the state legislature, is defendant in two damage suits filed in circuit court here yesterday totaling \$26,875, growing out of an automobile accident on the Pacific highway near Woodburn December 3. Edna Ball sued for \$25,350 and Leatha Alexander for \$1,525.

A state police report states that Dr. Best, accompanied by Representative Henry Semon of Klamath county, was driving north when their car collided with another driven by Dr. John H. Alexander of Portland, traveling south.

Best said his automobile did not leave the highway and that it was not on the wrong side of the road as the complaint said.

### 'RED CROSS ASKS FOR FLOOD HELP

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—(AP)—An appeal to all Red Cross chapters in Oregon and Washington to raise \$18,000 to assist in the relief of flood sufferers in Cowlitz county, Wash., was issued here today by A. I. Schaefer, manager of the Pacific branch of the American Red Cross.

Schaefer said this money would be in addition to funds raised by local chapters to care for persons made needy in the northwest by the recent inundations.

The Red Cross manager said he under reports that North Keelo was under water; that dikes in that vicinity were breaking or in danger from flood waters and that additional Red Cross workers had been ordered to the scene from Portland, Ore.

You can find the needed items at Franklin's Grocery and at the Peach Street Grocery Sunday and Christmas morning 8:30 to 12:30.

PENDLETON, Ore., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Declaring there is no foundation for

damage suits, amounting to \$26,875, filed against him by Mrs. Edna Ball and Mrs. Leatha Alexander of Salem, Dr. J. A. Best, Umatilla county legislator, stated today that the Alexander automobile struck a small truck after colliding with his machine, and then continued 135 feet down the highway, making a complete turn before going into the ditch.

Suit for damages against Dr. Best was filed in Salem yesterday.

Best said his automobile did not leave the highway and that it was not on the wrong side of the road as the complaint said.

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### FORD VIOLATING CODE IS CLAIM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP) William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, has filed with the NRA a report on the strike at Henry Ford's Edgewater, New Jersey plant, accompanied by affidavits alleging code violations by the automobile manufacturer.

The report has not yet been examined by Hugh S. Johnson, but from his previous utterances it appeared likely that if any convincing evidence was contained, he would refer it to the attorney-general for action.

For Sale—At Franklin's Grocery and Peach Street Grocery—Cranberries, bananas, sweet potatoes, etc., which you forgot Saturday.

### LINEN MILLS GAINING BY DEALS WITH STATE

SALEM, Dec. 23.—(AP) The state of Oregon has lost \$81,537.70 in interest to date in its transactions with the Salem Linen mills. Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, announced today. Holman stated the state, in assisting the manufacturing firm charged no interest on loans nor on overdue accounts.

"This appears to me poor business," Holman said, in criticizing the board of control's activities in some phases of its flax industry. "We pay five and six per cent interest on loans and we charge farmers who borrowed under the state land board activities the same rate. Yet we sponsor a manufacturing firm without charging one cent."

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