

SCHOOL AID SEEN IN UNPAID TAXES

Pepper Declares Levy Would Not Need Increase if Collection Could Be Made

Machinery to enable the state to collect unpaid taxes would increase its assets by enough money to enable the granting of a greatly increased appropriation for public schools without resorting to extra taxation.

This statement was made today by George Wharton Pepper, a member of the constitutional revision committee, who quoted Auditor General Snyder as giving this information to the commission. According to Mr. Snyder, said Mr. Pepper, the leaks in tax payments due to incomplete facilities for collecting taxes due the state cost it many millions of dollars annually, \$25,000,000 being given as an estimate of the aggregate amount.

Already, as Mr. Pepper quoted, the auditor general had accounted for \$16,000,000 by appropriations to increase the tax collecting forces and facilities. This saving, it is said, would enable the entire financial program for the schools to be presented to the Legislature in the coming year, to be put through without making it necessary for the state to resort to any extra taxation.

The program of Dr. Thomas F. Finigan, state superintendent of public instruction, it is said, will call for an appropriation of \$70,000,000 until the next meeting of the Legislature in 1922. This will mean an appropriation of \$35,000,000 a year for the schools of the city and state, which amounts to about \$7,500,000 more per year than asked for last year.

The extra money will go toward decreasing increases in teachers' salaries, according to a schedule mapped out by Dr. Finigan, which is outside of the increase which teachers in this city have already received. It will also be used to an extent to help in a building and repair program. Dr. Finigan is now conducting a survey of the schools in other findings and recommendations, it is believed, a general repair program for school buildings.

MENALKAS RETURNS HOME

Son of Raymond Duncan Still Wears Modern Raiment

Menalkas, son of Raymond Duncan, and nephew of Isadora Duncan, has returned to the home of his father in the Rue Jacob, Paris, wearing his patent leather shoes, tailored suit, derby and all.

It is probably the first time man ever set foot inside the Parisian home of the Duncans with more than sandals and pelican adorning his person.

Menalkas, after his prodigal lapse from ancient Grecian costume to the latest modes of the tailors along the Boulevard des Italiens, explained to his dad that he thought the idea of wearing sandals and pelican was good fun, but a cold habit.

Menalkas is fifteen years old. He appeared on Chestnut street during the coldest days of 1919, garbed, as was his father, in long hair, sandals and flowing robe.

BETTY KIRKBRIDE WEDS

Philadelphia Actress Is Bride of Delano Dell, Also on the Stage

Betty Kirkbride, the granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin Kirkbride, founder of the Kirkbride Institution for the Insane, who went on the stage two years ago in "Maytime," was married last Wednesday in the St. Francis Hotel, Los Angeles, to Delano Dell, professionally known as Delano Dell.

Miss Kirkbride is a graduate of the Friends' Select School, of this city, and is playing in "Listen Lester," of which company her husband is also a member.

Postman Breaks Thigh

Charles Berger, a mail carrier, of 103 West Horter street, is in the German-town Hospital with a fractured thigh. He fell delivering mail yesterday afternoon. Berger is attached to the German-town branch postoffice.

It Was Only a Tree, One of Many, But Xmas It'll Be a Thing of Glory

THE fragrance of Christmas trees filled the air linking the busy city street with the wide silent country where tall young firs and sleepy spruces fill all the mystic distances.

The little girl and her mother stopped to buy one. What a gigantic task it was, like a forest transported they were lying fragrant, but inert against the building. All sorts, sizes and descriptions, but after all just trees, trees.

At last the little girl saw one she liked better than the others. They looked at others, but time after time, the little girl's interest, they came back to this particular one.

Finally, it was separated from the others. There it stood in all the beauty of spreading green branches and its splendid straightness. How quickly then the scene changed. No longer just part of a forest transported, lying lifeless, although fragrant, against the side of a building. A Christmas tree now! A thing of glory destined to be the shining centerpiece of sheer human happiness!

HE HAD a hard time to navigate as he came down the aisle of a 6 p. m. car No. 51, but finally he managed to attach himself to a strap and get his bearings. The dignified expression began to fade slowly from his

face until a positive beam took its place. Then suddenly, as though on sudden inspiration, he tapped the arm of the gentleman on the right. "Feel like giving everything 'way this week," he confided in a voice. "Clifton Crawford would have envied. 'Beginning today feel just like giving everything 'way.'"

Only a disappointing look was his answer. "All right for you, lady," he said with a tone of injured grievance. "Hazzat man gonna have Christmas spirit?" "Whaddye mean Christmas spirit?" shouted at what the conductor had to call for order.

THE saleswoman at the counter where the leather goods were sold was pressed almost beyond human endurance. At least it seemed that way to some of the philosophical customers who had discovered it was no use to push, but just better to wait.

almost imperceptible sigh of relief, but she breathed a little too soon. "I wonder if you have a fountain pen?" said the customer of twin desires. "I want to write the card here so you can send it right out from the store." She smiled beamingly. "That will save me the trouble of taking it to the postoffice."

Advertisement for Horlick's Malted Milk, featuring an image of a cow and text describing its benefits as a food-drink for all ages.

Advertisement for Welsbach Thrift Gas Lights, showing an image of a gas light and text stating they are available at cost for 15c.

Large advertisement for Victrola records, featuring the text 'ONE HOUR!' and 'That's all we need to deliver your VICTROLA' along with a list of dealers.

Advertisement for Duo Lather Brush, featuring an image of the brush and text describing it as a 'Novel Gift of the Year'.

Large advertisement for Minral-Stukko, featuring an image of a building and text describing it as a permanent, fire-proof, and weather-proof stucco.

Advertisement for Gas Utilities Sales Co., featuring an image of a gas furnace and text explaining why to attach a coal furnace to a modern heating system.

Advertisement for De Luxe Brush Co., featuring an image of a brush and text listing various types of brushes available.