

Cordon to Cite Loss of Taxes in U. S. Land Policy

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initiate, announced that it was the opinion of the county courts represented at the meetings that efforts should be made to submit a comprehensive report covering the state as a whole.

Mr. Cordon for the past 15 years has been doing similar work for the land grant counties of Oregon. He will work in cooperation with a special committee to be composed of members from county courts.

Loss of Taxes Felt.
The rapid acquisition by the United States government of title to privately-owned lands in the various states has focused attention upon the problem of increased local taxation which is caused when these lands become public property and no longer pay taxes. Mr. Cordon said: "Millions of acres of lands which once paid their share of local taxes have been taken over by the government, particularly within the last 20 years. The states where this has happened have come to a sharp realization of the tax loss sustained and of the increasing tax burden placed upon private property owners as a result."

"These various states have within the last three years, petitioned the congress through their congressional representatives for some relief in the nature of federal contributions to the cost of local government in lieu of taxes lost through such federal acquisition."

High government administrative officers, including the president, have awakened to a realization of the importance of the problem and studies are being undertaken through various agencies to determine the extent of the tax loss and proper solution at the hands of the federal government."

Eastern Move Eyed.

Eastern states, Mr. Cordon reports, recently have been awakened to a problem which is of long standing in the far west, resulting from purchase by the federal government of more than 16 million acres in various parts of the country. Many of these sections, he states, are pressing actively for payments in lieu of lost taxes and some of the proposals submitted would be very detrimental to the state of Oregon.

Because of this situation the county courts of Oregon feel compelled, he states, to present to congress and federal administrative agencies complete factual data as to the effect on local taxation in Oregon of the failure of federal lands to contribute their share of the cost of local government.

Aim to Protect States.

"The courts feel," Mr. Cordon said, "that their responsibility to the taxpayers requires that they use every effort to assemble and furnish this information, so that it may be enacted by congress."

"The special committee representing the county courts is charged, however, not only with the duty of assembling and presenting the case for the people of Oregon, but also of cooperating with other states where the problem is of importance, so that full information

on the subject may be made available."

"The committee fully realizes that the problem is one of nationwide importance and that legislation to remedy the situation must be of general application and be so framed as to fit widely varying conditions in the different states."

Oregon Situation Stated.

"Approximately one-half of the area of the state of Oregon is now in federal ownership and is non-taxable," Mr. Cordon explained. "The government has recognized its obligation to assist in paying a part of the costs of local government by providing for some payment in lieu of taxes. For instance, 25 per cent of receipts from sales of timber, etc., on national forest lands is paid to the counties to be used for roads and schools. This amount, however, is less than 40 per cent of the amount which these lands would pay under private ownership. Hundreds of thousands of acres have been purchased and set aside in wild life refuges. Twenty-five per cent of the net proceeds from these lands also is paid to the counties, but this amount is much less than the same lands would pay in taxes if privately owned."

The exact situation resulting from federal activities in handling these lands will be set forth in the report, Mr. Cordon says. He anticipates that the information will be of much value to congress and federal agencies in consideration of the problem and arrival at a solution.

Plan to Boost Wheeler Seen in Lewis' Action

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platform. A few thought Lewis might be threatening to run himself if he failed to get his man nominated, while one democrat predicted the labor leader would "kick and make up" with Roosevelt before the national convention.

Farley's Remark Studied.
In the wake of Lewis' speech, a paragraph in an address by Postmaster General Farley last night at Winston-Salem, N. C., aroused capital curiosity. While developing the theme that government should

be an umpire for business, Farley digressed to say:

"I want to make it clear that if at any time I am confronted with the issue of the welfare of my party, on the one hand, or the welfare of my country on the other, that issue has already been decided. I love my country better than I love the democratic party."

He added that he hoped he never would be confronted by such an issue.

Politicians wondered whether the statement might have some hidden meaning in regard to the presidential contest, for there has been speculation as to whether Farley would support a third term or perhaps become a candidate himself.

47 UMW RESOLUTIONS URGE 3RD TERM DESPITE LEWIS

COLUMBUS, O., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Forty-seven resolutions supporting a third term for President Roosevelt were introduced today before the United Mine Workers of America convention, providing an anomalous aftermath to John L. Lewis' split with the New Deal.

No immediate action was taken by the 2,000 delegates on the resolutions from locals in Ohio, West Virginia, Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Wyoming and Maryland.

Several resolutions were offered opposing use of U. M. W. funds for political campaigns. Lewis, president of the U. M. W. and Congress for Industrial Organizations, put up about \$500,000 for the 1936 democratic campaign.

A hope Lewis "someday would be president of the United States" was expressed in a resolution from a Sharon, W. Va., group.

Dies Probe Opposed.
The delegates, taking up several hundred of 1,500 resolutions submitted before the jubilee session opened, adopted one opposing continuation of the Dies committee in investigating un-American activities. It suggested the money be turned over to the La Follette civil liberties committee.

The Roosevelt third term resolutions contrasted sharply with Lewis' prediction yesterday that a campaign to re-elect the president would result in "ominous defeat."

While there may be some warm debate on these resolutions, there was little likelihood of any being adopted in view of Lewis' stringent control over the convention.

Cheese Factory to Be Established in Roseburg

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their various plants is all contracted by Armour and company and none is sold retail. The factories produce cheddar, or American cheese.

The plant at Grants Pass, Mr. Zottola reports, furnishes employment to from 12 to 15 persons and distributes from \$3,000 to \$6,000 per week to dairymen in that district, the amount varying with the seasons and the volume of milk supply.

Gradual Expansion Planned.
"The plant we plan to operate in Roseburg probably will start with from 10,000 to 12,000 pounds of milk daily, and will be expanded to 20,000 or 40,000 pounds as the supply is increased by larger dairy herds," Mr. Zottola said. "We will be in a position to use an unlimited quantity of milk, as our market connections with Armour and company permit sale of all the cheese we can possibly manufacture."

"We will try to work in close cooperation with Douglas county dairymen, not only in supplying an outlet for a large volume of milk, but helping in the matter of increasing herds and arranging for a steady and consistent milk supply."

Mr. and Mrs. Zottola maintain their own transportation service, using refrigerated trucks to haul the products of their several plants directly from factories to Los Angeles.

New Attacks Fail to Crush Defense of Finns

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all fronts as the leader of a visiting British labor delegation, Sir Walter Citrine, declared help is reaching Finland from Britain in greater measure than commonly believed.

Nazis Recall Battleship.
Warships and the world's shipping lanes, perilled by wartime

hazards, today furnished the major interest of the two European conflicts, which developed scant land action.

Germany shed some light on one of her principal sea weapons, the 10,000-ton pocket battleship Deutschland, which she said "returned home recently" from war-torn merchant ships in the Atlantic.

The battleship, whose war activities have been surrounded in considerable mystery, will no longer be known as the Deutschland, however, for Adolf Hitler ordered that she be renamed Luetzow.

Deutschland will be reserved as a code of conduct which would guarantee accused persons full right to appear in self defense and to cross-examine accusers before any congressional investigating committee.

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House Votes Money to Meet Deficiency Items

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tinued the committee, its personnel as well as its functions are continued.

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Holland Stays Neutral

The contention of Winston Churchill, Britain's first lord of the admiralty, that neutral nations were obligated under the league of nations covenant to join in "united action" with the allies was rejected by the Netherlands parliament.

The Netherlands foreign minister said his country adhered to the "positive" policy that there was no obligation to veer from neutrality.

The British government today announced 250,000 men aged 20 through 23 would be registered Feb. 17 for military service, which was considered likely to start about the middle of March.

Aid to Nazis Bared

Discussing Britain's vigil over trans-Atlantic mails, a British spokesman declared last night that evidence had been uncovered of traffic on an "enormous scale" in food for Germany from the United States and South America.

Besides food, which he said was shipped by private well-wishers and German firms in the United States, he said mail examination also had disclosed a large-scale "racket" in the United States to get foreign exchange to Germany through letters containing checks and cash.

The book of Isaiah contains more material than that dealing directly with the prophet himself. A series of editors of later date added to it.

Stock and Bond Averages

STOCKS

	30	15	15	60
Ind's	70.9	19.0	39.4	48.9
Prev. day	71.5	19.2	39.4	50.1
Month ago	72.6	19.7	39.3	50.8
Year ago	67.8	18.9	35.5	47.3
1939-40 high	77.9	23.8	40.6	53.9
1939-40 low	58.8	15.7	33.7	41.6

BONDS

Compiled by The Associated Press, Jan. 25:

	20	30	10	10
RR's	57.8	102.2	96.3	50.9
Prev. day	57.7	102.2	96.3	51.4
Month ago	57.6	101.6	95.8	50.2
Year ago	57.6	98.8	92.3	59.8
1939-40 high	64.9	102.6	97.5	64.0
1939-40 low	53.4	95.8	90.4	41.7

Move to Roseburg—Mr. and Mrs. Albert Siegel have moved from Portland to Roseburg and are making their home in Laurelwood. Mr. Siegel is employed by the Texaco Oil company.

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