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IDEAS ON TAXES

By CHARLES V. STANTON

We hope this column never becomes so innocuous that it fails to draw criticism and expressions of divergent opinion. We realize that many people do not agree with our beliefs. We respect their right to express their views as freely as we do our own. For that reason we have endeavored to keep open to all people the "Letters" column of *The News-Review* and frequently have printed therein messages from correspondents extremely critical of our views.

We do not resent criticism. In fact, we welcome letters pertinent to important issues, regardless of whether the correspondent's ideas are similar or opposed to our own. We dislike having our statements deliberately twisted and distorted. But if the critic misquotes or misinterprets through error, that is a different matter. Anyone is entitled to an honest mistake.

We therefore credit Mr. W. J. Mathews of Sutherlin with an honest error in the opening paragraph of a letter in which he says:

Last month I wrote you a letter on the shocking totals of the property tax. You poked fun at me and Mr. Shoemaker at the time, seeming to think that our property taxes were small matters compared to federal demands.

We did not "poke fun" at anyone. We did find it incongruous that so much criticism was raised concerning local taxes, with no expression of resentment against the far more extravagant federal taxes. Having just recently completed our income tax report, we are more impressed with the incongruity than ever. But our statements were directed at a CONDITION and NOT at an individual or individuals. After the jolt of paying our income tax we still feel that complaints about high taxes are misdirected when confined to the local picture, although we grant that local tax economy should never be permitted to get out of hand.

But getting back to Mr. Mathew's letter: He continues:

Other writers, as well as yourself, have suggested that a sales tax, one-half for schools and one-half for welfare, might be a remedy.

This situation is a serious matter, I contend. One farm owner I know took in \$2,500 last year and his tax was \$1,000. Another such farmer with income of \$1,500 paid \$500 taxes. When you consider buildings to be repaired, fences kept up, and depreciation, the condition of many farm people is really desperate. A roof now costs more than a whole building in other years.

However, this same situation exists in California. Local taxes are just as exorbitant, and they have a sales tax, too. I, therefore, wish to suggest that the county rural school board take over the budgets of the local districts and allow just so much for each student and compel the local boards to adjust their expenditures. If they can't adjust, then make them consolidate. It is not fair to us who pay the bills that one high school be allowed \$500 to \$700 for each bonafide student and another \$350 or \$400.

There is a standard cost for grade children, another for high school. Let's see that every district has a square shake and the taxpayers a little protection.

We can agree with Mr. Mathews fully that the property tax load is too heavy. His suggested solution, however, would be impractical, we fear, because no two districts have the same costs. It costs about the same amount, for instance, to employ a teacher to instruct 10 pupils as to hire a teacher for a classroom with 25 pupils, but the expense per student is much different. Some districts cannot be economically consolidated. Transportation is a factor. Some districts, buying supplies in large quantities, get a lower rate. It would be extremely difficult to make an equitable allowance on a per student basis.

Unquestionably all waste and extravagance should be trimmed from our school budgets, if any exists. But we are faced with a much more critical problem. Our schools must be expanded to twice their present capacity within the next few years. Property already is strained to the breaking point by taxes. Although we believe a sales tax is the most practical method of lifting some of the present and future tax burden off property, we're perfectly willing to accept some other financing plan, providing it distributes the load equitably.

Grants Pass Man Gets Prison Term For Larceny

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 19 —(AP)—Eugene P. Tuter, 46, of Grants Pass, Ore., was sentenced to not more than 15 years in the State penitentiary here after 10 pleaded guilty to grand larceny. Tuter arrived in Bellingham, passed a bad \$61 check at a drug store and was arrested within nine hours December 17. Also pleading guilty was Andrew Allen Ross, 31, Tillamook, Ore., who was charged with desertion and non-support of his two children. His sentencing was deferred until Friday by Superior Judge Ralph O. Olson.

Sheriff Partly Cleared In Negro Deputies' Case

PORTLAND, Jan. 18 —(AP)—Charges that Multnomah county Sheriff Terry D. Schruck violated the State Fair Employment act have not proved valid, Labor Commissioner W. E. Kinsey said last night. He said the case is still open, but that the situation as charged

by two Negro deputies is not a law violation. The Negroes asserted the sheriff put them on elevator duty at the jail although their civil service ratings entitled them to more desirable work.

Schruck explained that one deputy had the elevator job under Sheriff Martin T. Pratt and was made a plainclothes vice officer by Sheriff M. L. Elliott. Schruck said he reassigned them in the course of a number of personnel shifts.

Manpower Strength Of U. S. Now At 1,555,000

WASHINGTON — (AP) — The manpower strength of the nation's armed forces totaled 1,555,200 at the end of 1949, the defense department announced. This was more than the combined armed services strength proposed in the President's budget for the year starting July 1. The strength of the services on Dec. 31 was: Army—643,400, Navy—415,600, Air Force—415,000, Marine Corps—81,200.

It'll Be Interesting to See How This Turns Out



TROUSERS MEASURED

Baltimore Rule On Zoot Pants Draws Criticism

BALTIMORE, — (AP) — If your pants are zoot you get the boot. Pegged pants, it seems, are strictly taboo at some Baltimore recreation centers. And teenagers who sport the too-tight trousers are setting up a howl—with some support from the older generation.

It's known as the ruler treatment. Show up with trousers that are less than 17 inches around at the cuffs, and out you go. No dancing for cut-down pants fanciers.

The measure (no pun intended) was brought to the attention of the city council by Mrs. M. J. Greeley. She claims it's driving teenagers into the streets.

She told the council in a letter that one youth was barred from a city recreation center because of "the width of his trousers and the cut of his coat."

His pants, she said, had been knocked down to less than 17 inches.

Other measurements on the zootometer, according to "teen-agers are 'semi-drape' (16) and 'really it' (14)."

Harold S. Callowhill, superintendent of the Recreation Bureau, admitted that the ruler treatment was being used at some centers at the request of youngsters there. "Extreme dress is

all socialized medicine schemes—and then contribute what you can to the cancer and heart research funds.

Chinese Fund Keeps Students At O. S. C.

CORVALLIS, — (AP) — Twenty-one Chinese students, whose funds from within China have been cut off, will be able to continue their courses at Oregon State college anyway. The state department at Washington, D. C., advised the college that \$15,918 will be given to the students. It comes from a \$4,000,000 Chinese fund.

permissible in other centers where such a dress is customary in the neighborhood," he said. Extreme dress, he said, leads to poor behavior.

Mrs. Greeley contended, however, that any such ruling defeats the purpose of the centers. The council took the question under study.

Southern Oregon Trip Called Off By Morse

PORTLAND, Jan. 19 — (AP) — Sen. Wayne L. Morse, who had planned a Southern Oregon tour this weekend, has shifted to appearances in the Willamette Valley.

He will speak in Portland Saturday, Eugene Monday and Tuesday, and Salem Wednesday. The trip to Southern Oregon, canceled because of weather, will be made later.

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In the Day's News

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the snow had been broken by some passing cars. It had evidently followed the track in.

It was sitting on its haunches, Herb says, and was wiggling its long ears in perplexity, as if working out a problem. I presume that wiggling its ears may give a jackrabbit the same mental support that humans get out of scratching their heads.

After a few minutes of this, the jack evidently reached a decision. It laid its ears down along its back and TOOK OFF FOR THE SOUTH at high speed.

I think its decision was probably sound.

Oh yes; I knew there was something else before tackling politics.

New York has had a change in the weather. The temperature has nose-dived to 50 ABOVE. From all I've been able to gather, they've been going around back there in their nylon shirts and their shorts, fanning themselves.

I don't think I'm a particularly vindictive sort of person, but the cockeyed summer they've been having back on the East coast has griped me no end. I'm glad to see 'em have to put on at least their sport jackets to ward off this unaccustomed chill.

YOU may wonder why we newspapers carry comparative temperatures from over the country. We continued it even back in the paper shortage days when we were leaving out advertising — thus proving beyond question that we set a lot of store by these things.

I'll tell you in on a little secret: We go on printing these temperature tables so that in winter we can find some country that is COLDER THAN OURS and in summer some place that is a lot hotter.

Let's see. Isn't there a fable about the fox that lost its tail and undertook to convince all the other foxes that they too should get rid of their tails?

It wouldn't be so bad to be without a tail, Bre'r Fox reasoned, if nobody else had a tail.

I'M never quite sure that if we were ALL as poor as church mice we might not be quite happy about it. It's seeing some bloated plutocrat who has more than we have that upsets us.

OUR friends, the Fair Dealers (nee New Dealers), are assuring us, now that another campaign year is upon us, that in a few years more, if they are kept in power, the poor will all be rich and the rich will all be poor.

At any rate, that's a better scheme than making us all rich. Then we wouldn't have anybody to look down on.

SHUCKS! I just looked at the clock and there isn't time enough left to plunging into a dissertation on the growingly complicated political situation that is stewing up in Washington.

Isn't that a shame!

Thomas Jefferson recorded planting spinach in his garden in 1811.



I could say, it's snowing here. But you probably would say, "So what? It's snowing here, too. What were we interested in now is when will it stop?"

So I'll tell you about the wild ride our neighbor's red hen took on the high stake-body of their big truck. Mrs. R. S., unaware that a hen had settled down early for the night on such a perch, came out of the shed at a fast clip, intending to avoid what happened previously to his truck. Slick iron pipes as a cattle guard offer little help to traction.

His wife and daughters must have the hen, valiantly and wildly teetering on the high side; they rushed out on the porch to signal the news. Mr. S. got over the cattle guard all right but stuck this side of it. Evidently he caught on to the fact that he had a passenger hitch-hiking a ride involuntarily. At any rate he reversed . . . shot back across the guard and never stopped till he was back in the shed again.

He reappeared without the hen who had never lost her balance or determination in her wild ride. This time he made the road. Our six hens have quit coming

down to the house to see why I opened the back door. They stay under the hen house in the dry with food and water handy and go to bed through sheer boredom about two hours early. The snow did something to them, however, beside discourage their roaming. They lost their feathers about the time of that real cold snap we had last fall, and were sorry looking objects. They feathered out while it was warm. Now—they have begun to lay again!

The birds from the woods have no need of us when the ground is bare of snow but now they don't wait for me to close the door before they pounce on whatever I put out for them. Wheat from the hen's barrel, cereal from a box in the pantry which they especially enjoy, scraps, anything I think of; one or another of the many varieties will find it good.

But their delight, and mine after I saw them enjoy it, was a chopped up apple of which the beauty had been only skin deep. Did that disappear! When one thinks how much mankind owes to our bird neighbors, it is really a privilege to meet their need with scraps, and a few pennies' worth of food, isn't it!

thing is licked. And when it's over, I don't want to have to pay anybody but the doctor and the nurses and the people who provided the medicine and the hospital bed. I don't want to pay the people of the bureau of compulsory health insurance. I'm telling the doctors and the nurses how to do something they know how to do better themselves.

If you want to strike a blow for better health, tell your representative to kick out any and

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

Health Insurance
By Deb Addison on Klamath Falls Herald and News

It says in Washington that supporters of the administration's compulsory health insurance program mapped plans for a long-range campaign to get it adopted—piece by piece, if necessary.

So they're going to give us socialized medicine if it kills us. It so happens that the death rate in 1948 was the lowest in history. Figures probably will show that 1949 was a healthier year yet. That's the way it's been going year after year. The death rate in 1948 was 9.9 deaths per thousand persons. Of these deaths about half were brought on by heart ailments and cancer.

If socialized medicine had something to offer toward solving the problems of heart trouble and cancer I might be interested. There has just been a serious illness in our family. It's OK now. Virus pneumonia used to take a lot of lives. It doesn't any more. It has been solved by individuals working in research laboratories. They've discovered new drugs. Individual doctors have learned how best to use them. Individual nurses have given them to sick people. The sick people breathe easily again.

Many of the scourges of a few years ago now are harnessed through better medical knowledge, through the hands of family doctors. These advancements in medicine have come about through the will to find out, of individuals.

The dignity of the individual man is a first principle of Christianity and of democracy. Let's not put the narcotic hand of a government bureau over the lives of the people connected with medicine, who through individual efforts have added so much to our well being.

When some of my folks get sick I want to be able to rout out a family doctor (in the middle of the night if necessary) who will go all out on the case until the

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