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Rally, Friends! Save Higher Education!

HIGHER education is out on the limb again with a group of Portland realtors hacking away as lustily as in 1934 when they tried to prune state income with their crude 20-mill limitation

Defeat of the 1934 measure by a majority of 60,000 votes was partly due to the opposition ralled by friends of education who realized that, however burdensome might be the share of taxation borne by the owners of real estate, the educational services of the state must not be jeopardized. And now these same friends are rallying to fight a new threat, the "Amendment Limiting and Reducing Permissible Taxes on Tangible Property," a measure sugar-coated but every bit as vicious as the 20-mill limitation of two years ago.

clever bit of work these Rose City realtors A did in framing their current brain child. Considerable opposition had been met in 1934 among persons who, while agreeing that a share of the tax burden should be lifted from the shoulders of property owners, rejected the 20-mill limitation because it would have slashed governmental incomes too drastically without providing any moneys in replacement.

So these ingenious "experts" whipped together a new and subtle measure which would accomplish their design in a "milder and more gradual" fashion. This November they present to the Oregor electorate a tax-limiting amendment to the constitution which, as it affects the state at large, establishes an arbitrary levy of six mills as a basis upon which reductions of four per cent a year will be made until 1942, when a level 80 per cent of the decreed base levy will be reached. Why and how the basic six-mill figure was reached, perhaps the people of the state will never know. Apparently the boys got together and said "Eenie, meenie, meinie, moe-let's call it six!"

VERY clever, this time the pruning will be be only "gradual"; the state is given five years in which to find new sources of income. Like fun!

For there's a nigger in the woodpile. Unobtrusively the amendment provides that its gradually declining rates should be applied to an assessed valuation of 50 per cent actual cash value.

Now if one knew that assessments in the state have generally bee made on a percentage of cash value much higher than 50 per cent, he might need to consider the amendment no further to appreciate how "gradual" it would be. He might know that the amendment proposes to lop off \$106,000,- 000 of assessed valuations, not "gradually" but the instant it should go into effect.

Tax experts have demonstrated how disastrous would be the effect of this "50 per cent" clause on counties, cities, school districts and other local taxlevying units. Our concern here is to show how it would cripple higher education.

Since 1920, 2.04 mills of the state's tax levy has been guaranteed to higher education. This has been the principal source of income for Oregon's university, medical school, college and normal schools. Even in the prosperous days before property values slumped educators had to watch their pennies to make ends meet with their millage income. Imagine, then, to what despair they were driven when property values went into their dive in 1931, dragging higher education's millage income along down into the depths.

A decline in enrollment simultaneous with the violent drop in millage income eased the strain upon educational budgets somewhat, as did the lower costs of materials and supplies during the depression. But, at that, educators had to pare expenses to the bone. Faculty members took pay slashes ranging from 10 to 30 per cent. Almost no funds could be allowed for the upkeep of buildings, a forced neglect that might have resulted in great damage to the system's physical plant had not the institutions obtained a share of federal relief funds for this work.

THE depression has eased its hold on industry, and the country at large seems to be picking its way out of the depths-but higher education's crisis has just arrived.

Enrollment has climbed up from its 1934 low and this year seems likely to go at least five per cent beyond its all-time high mark of 1928. Costs of instruction do not necessarily increase proportionately with increased enrollment, but naturally they do rise. Add to this the fact that costs of materials and suuplies are rising rapidly. Add also that professors and instructors in the state system of higher education, who even before their depression pay slashes were among the worst paid members of the profession in the entire nation, are now faced with rising costs of living and are little likely to maintain that admirable patience that has kept them in the service of Oregon youth through these past lean years, especially when they can observe the improved condition of their colleagues in other institutions and in other fields of employ- dogs since their time The coming markedly entangled by lyrics for the drag, announces they ment. Indeed, one example after another can be given of Oregon professors' having turned down showing the grads the beautiful offers of more lucrative positions elsewhre. We new buildings that have arisen on tive of the league of Oregon cities, who will be present, to do some cannot presume much longer upon their affec- the campus since their last visit, and has declared suggestions that the numbers in the lighter vein. tions for Oregon and its schools.

THESE facts give one a clear picture of the crisis that confronts Oregon's institutions of higher learning. On budgets already one million dollars less biennually than that of 1928, Oregon's university, medical school, college and normal schools are faced with the problem of educating five per cent more students than they had in that year when their income was at its peak.

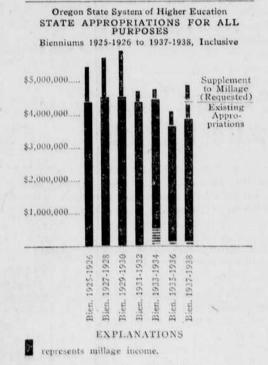
It is reasonable to suppose that higher education, sailing dangerously close to the rocks now, can weather a further limitation upon its finances?

What is going to happen if the tax limitation amendment succeeds, if \$106,000,000 in assessed (on), GARDS, we are prepared. valuation is slashed at once from state tax resources, if higher education must suffer the annual loss of \$175,000 in addition to the present critical shrinkage in its millage income?

Higher education cannot stand this staggering

Vote "311 X No" and defeat this vicious measure!

Newspapers that have devoted so much space formal. George Humphreys, chairlately to their discovery of King Edward's pen- man of S. I. orchestra committee, is chant for charming American brunettes will no overflowing with praise for the doubt be surprised to learn that his majesty also eats and sleeps.



represents other state appropriations. represents diversion to State's General Fund.

in regard to the military question, certainly add mine, even if it is on | Speaking in a similar vein, agree in their opposition to the tax | Thomas."

limitation measure. Epsilon had turned in majority represents the fraternity element of opposition, Theda Spicer, presi- absolute minimum. It is logical

votes against the measure. Be- opposing the measure.

Dorms, Fraternities Alike

servative and a member of the and fraternity groups are opposed owners would be hit, how passage Friars, has taken the initiative to the measure also. Both Charles of the measure would necessitate among campus leaders in organiz- Paddock, campus liberal, and Wal- many special elections, and how ing students against the measure. ter Eschebeck, inter-dorm presi- education would face another \$1,- Chi Omega sorority, says, "It is He reported last night that Kappa dent, have declared themselves 000,000 cut by 1942. Sigma, Sigma Nu, Phi Kappa Psi, against it, while Ed Reams, presi-Gamma Phi Beta, and Sigma Phi dent of the interfraternity council Representing the feminine angle departments are operating at an

cause of lack of time other organ- "Passage of this measure would ing independent woman, related a with its resulting cut in revenue, izations have not as yet reported, definitely mean retrenchment in graphic incident of how a high that higher education would be but Thomas is confident they will education." Paddock says, "and school in this county would be hit greatly damaged." also oppose the proposed measure, any steps toward this end are not so hard should the measure pass Ohmart, leader of the co-op of a progressive, forward nature that "they could still be able to No men cooks at TAYLOR'S. -adv ALSO OBTAINABLE IN FLAT FIFTIES

movement on the campus and a benefiting the people. One of the Various Opposition leading liberal, said, "If one more four principles of the American voice raised in opposition to the Student Union is against retreenchproposed measure will help I will ment in education.'

Don Thomas and Howard Ohmart the same side of the fence as Don Reams cited how an exteensive analysis by Henry F. Reed, recognized authority on tax administra-Thomas, a leading campus con- Leading students of independent tion, has shown how small home have one principal and one teacher,

> Women Oppose Measure dent of Orides last year and a lead- that should this measure pass,

age education almost irreparably. The gala weekend is approaching

Boyer Fears

Duck Soop

By HARRY CLIFFORD

The weekend when everybody

gives up his bed to the boys from

way back and then we go down-

stairs and crawl under the front

It is reported that this will be

the first alumni gathering of the

the SAE's. We hear that all their

George Cropp and his orchestra

alums came back for rush week.

are coming all the way from Ta-

coma just to play for the Soph In-

band. We are going to the dance

satisfied. We will have the satisfac-

tion of hearing good music or of

making a liar out of Humphreys

. . . We much prefer the latter,

The other day we saw Jack

Lochridge, spring term's prize

was acting very strangely; first

he would talk to one girl, then go

over to another booth and start

talking to some other girl, then

to a third, and a fourth, then a

fifth. This kept up for some time.

Finally our curiosity grew be-

yond control. We walked over and

asked him the name of the game

he was playing. We were inform-

ed that he was studying this

term, and was doing a week's

We have heard that some of John

Engstrom's friends called up sev-

eral girls on the telephone the other

night and fixed Engstrom up with

six dates for Friday night. There

was a bit of an oversight on the

part of the voluntary date-bureau;

they neglected to tell John about

the dates I wonder if football

makes these boys so absent minded.

cerning ATO in our last column.

As we recall, we relieved the

ATO's of the title of "hotelmen."

Perhaps Miller has become fond

of this facetious nickname for his

tong and hates to part with it.

if they would go without wood."

Virginia Endicott, president of

Mortar Board and a member of

very evident to most University

students that various educational

Darrell Miller seems to be a bit perturbed about the remarks con-

pigging in forty-fice minutes.

pigging in forty-five minutes.

we can hear good music any time.

The bureau of municipal research . Homecoming. The great week- on the campus has recently issued a brows, six girls, members of Masend when all the alums from Lord booklet telling how passage of the ter dance will present an authentic knows when, come back and tell us measure would result in the com- Russian folk dance. how the University has gone to the plicated tax situation of 1937 beweekend when we spend our time 1942.

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then have them ask us why the old same group of Portland realtors A men's trio, local talent, will Patterson school is being torn down, who backed the defeated measure vocalizze "hi's" and "ho's" as they because it was one of their favorite of 1934 are logical backers this do well-known and still loved nayear because of the similarity of tive numbers. the two measures.

Clair Johnson, editor of Old Orethe magazine. He cites figures buildings. showing how it is an uncontestable We have spent this term inviting fact that Oregon higher education alums down for this weekend, and is operating at an absolute mini- sion, being general chairman. we'll spend the rest of the term remum, and needs increased allott-

could not pay them adequate

OFF MY BEARD

THOW WORT

REMEMBER HOTHIN

Communists Seethe

(Continued from page one)

Madame Helen Jones, head of are trying to get Don Cossack and R. S. Bryson, legal representa- his chorus, the only real Russians

But dangling from the sides in

artistic fashion will hang stenciled gon, hits the measure in an article pictures, Russian costumes, native published in the October issue of scenery and many of the famous Dave Lowry has blockaded the

way against Communistic intru-

Vic Rosenfeld worked with him cuperating from those who accept ments rather than cuts if various doing the assistant's work. Don the invitations WELL COME departments of the University are Chapman handled features; Stewgoing to be administered efficient- art Mocksond, decorations; Helen ly and capably. Mention is made Jones, music; Jane Bowerman, secof how leading educators in Oregon retarial work; Molly White, proyear for all fraternities except have left because the state system grams; Jack McCarty, floor.

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Tune 'er

By BOB POLLOCK

Today, we're a fifteen cent store -we got plenty of nuttin' . . first plug is for Uncle Henry Ford's show this night at 9 over KOIN . . . Waring will always have our vote as a capable M.C. . . . can's cars.

boom around a mountain with a bit close enough to the mike to be of yodel in it, try turning to KGW heard . . . at 9:30 this eve . . . NBC presents the screwy-titled Good Morning Tonight, with a former prima don- ald of the Air! na, Myrtle Claire Donnelly, and a singing coal miner, Gwynfi Jones, Pallett Releases doing some high-priced warbling Even the ork busts in with something that hasn't a single hot trombone in it-Hungarian Dance To the lads who sat practical-

ly in the conductor's lap, Oregon's press-agented Swing Band was not so good, they claim . . . well, try driving at suicide miles an hour through the loose-graveled Coast range and see how good any music not a requiem sounds . . . yeah, we think the outfit is very much o.k. . . . Cracks Fred Allen: "I used to be

a vaudeville comic—until my pocketbook got burnt in too many short the sociology department, was circuits . . . and then I went on married to John Saul, of St. Helthe radio . . . for a while my rating ens, September 1. Miss Harcombe was so low they typed it in radium graduated from the school of arts so it would show up in the cel- and letter in '33.

Jack Dempsey's ex-spouse, Estelle Taylor, comes to KGW at 6 tonight with Ben Bernie . . . she's his guest and is expected to do a trifle of singing with mebbe a dramatic sketch . . . never heard much of Estelle without seeing the magic Dempsey monicker somewhere around ... as for hamburger-munching, Winchell-baiter Bernie, the less

guest stars on his program . . . Nominee for the world's unhapeven if he does help sell a republi- piest man: Rush Hughes, on the air by courtesy of people selling If you are one of those citizens beer and bread, has gotta drop who can stand music if it doesn't anyway five pounds so he can get

heard from him the better . . .

so maybe we should have more

Tomorrow we got quality. The schedule for Wednesday's Emer-

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Other members of the faculty committee of which Pallett is the head are George H. Godfrey, publicity; George Belknap, advertising; Virgil D. Earl, registration; Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed, banquet: Clifford Constance, awards.

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