

REFERENDUM ON TAX WILL BE INVOKED

PORTLAND, Mar. 22.—Plans to invoke the referendum on the state income tax, enacted in the closing hours of the 1922 legislature, have assumed such shape that the preliminary work has started and as quickly as possible petitions will be placed in circulation.

The Oregon State Income Tax Referendum League is the organization sponsoring the movement, and the title of the organization is self-explanatory. Headquarters has been opened at room 801 Wilcox building, Portland, and the telephone of the headquarters is Broadway 1223.

Mr. Brownell Leader.

One of the leading spirits of the Oregon State Income Tax Referendum League is Cyril G. Brownell, who was a representative from Multnomah county in the recent session and in 1919 was a representative from Multnomah county in the recent session and in 1919 was a representative from Multnomah county in the recent session. Mr. Brownell opposed the passage of the income tax in the house when the real estate offset, which would have benefited the small home owner, was rejected by the majority.

LARGE ORDER OF LATEST BUICKS

Southard & Shinn, local Buick dealers, are preparing to receive what is probably the largest shipment of Buicks ever made to an Oregon agency outside of Portland.

The order contains twenty-one of the latest car creations of the Buick factory and it requires five freight cars to transport them from the factory to Eastern Oregon.

TODAY'S POWER READINGS

E. O. L. & P. company's report for March 21st.	K.W.H.
Plants	5,790
Rock Creek	4,650
Fremont	190
Morgan Lake	1,140
Cove	10,150
Steam Plant	948
Baker Municipal	39,450
Last Year	
Present Depth.	
Olive Lake, 10 ft. 1 in. Last year, 4 ft. 3 1/2 inches.	
Morgan Lake, 1 ft. 7 1/2 in. Last year, 4 ft. 1 inch.	
NOTE—A small quantity of water is flowing into Morgan Lake but the situation still remains serious.	

TO GET DEGREE
EUGENE, Mar. 22.—Zoe Marie Hager, head of the commercial and Spanish department in the Milwaukee high school, will get a degree at the University of Oregon, after completing all but 42 hours of work thru University Extension and Portland Center courses. One hundred and eighty-six hours are required for graduation. Miss Hager is now taking graduate work in the School of Social Work, Portland Center.

FRED CURREY'S LIFE STORY IS TOLD BY HAZEN

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he has never forgotten. It was a wild town—La Grande, in the early '80s. Currey says that as a small boy he used to go down near the railroad, just across from a long row of saloons, to watch the fights. They were frequent and always bloody. "Most of these dumps had negro swamps," said Currey. "They would get their water for mopping from the town pump, which was near where I used to watch the bats. One morning a little dried up lump of ink went to the pump and filled his water bucket."

Sneeze Caused Death. "Before he could tote it away, a big black buck from a neighboring saloon came along, picked up the little fellow's pail and poured the water into his own bucket, then started to walk back to his dive. "Look here, nigger, what you-all doin'?" asked the small chap. "Shut up, boy, or I'll sneeze and blow you into de middle of next week," replied the big fellow. "Bring dat water back here or I'll kill you," said the angry porter. "The giant just laughed. Now, quick as you can say Jack Robinson, that little gal pulled a small 22 six shooter and shot that water stealer right through the heart. A crowd gathered around and the dead man was picked up, his shirt pulled around so the bullet hole could be seen and the body placed in the front window of the saloon where he had worked. They kept the corpse there several days as an attraction to draw trade. Men came from everywhere to see him, and everybody bought a drink. No, they didn't do a thing to the boy who killed him."

In 1886 President Cleveland decided a Democrat would look better in the La Grande register's office, so Colonel Currey was excused. He moved to Ashland where he practiced law a year, then bought a ranch near Grants Pass and moved to the country.

Fred Poor Farmer. "I attended the Grants Pass high school, graduated and then told father I was never intended for a farmer," explained Fred. "In 1892 I went to San Francisco and got a job cubing on the Call. 'While in California I fell in love with Miss Carrie Benson, whose father was city editor of the San Jose Mercury. We went to Grants Pass and were married November 6, 1893."

And they were pals from that day until a few weeks ago, when Mrs. Currey passed over into the valley of eternal Springtime. The newlyweds returned to the Golden Gate city, where Fred worked a little while on the dailies there, then started on a free lance tour through Southern California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas and Louisiana. This took two busy years. Then the native of Canyon City, who was born October 17, 1875, returned to La Grande.

A more peaceful town greeted him than had his farewell. Fred and his brother George founded the La Grande Observer. It was a weekly (spelled both ways) at first, but in a short time the boys started a daily. In 1910 they sold out the paper and the next year Frederick Barlow Currey was made manager of the La Grande Commercial club. He resigned some time later to become publicity manager of the Hot Lake sanatorium, then owned and operated by Walter Pierce, now governor of Oregon.

Got Wires Crossed. Early in 1914 Currey had to leave

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for California on account of Mrs. Currey's health. They spent a year at San Leandro, then returned to the Grange. The founder of the Observer was made city manager of the place, third of a long line of "kings."

He was getting on splendidly. Then came 1918 and Pierce decided to run for governor. Things were not going to suit the La Grande rancher at his Portland headquarters, so he asked his old friend Fred to go down and fix 'em. It was just at the time that two new city

commissioners were to be elected and Currey wanted to stay to see that men friendly to him were named.

But Pierce was anxious, so down to Portland came the man who, as a boy, used to throw rocks on the Chinese miners' cabins along the creek that flows through Canyon City. Currey got the Portland headquarters running smoothly, but his enemies captured the La Grande commissioners. Pierce was defeated and the Democratic son of a Republican warhorse was left high and dry—very dry.

Becomes Rum Foe.

But the Democratic administration

tempered the wind to the shorn lamb. Fred was appointed deputy internal revenue collector by Milt Miller, later the Canyon City native was made assistant prohibition director under Johnson Smith, present warden.

Then came the Republican landslide and Frederick Barlow Currey looked for a soft place to land. He was an active member of the Modern Woodmen of America. It was the apple of his eye at that period, so he applied for the position of deputy head consul for Oregon.

This was given him in October, 1921, and he's been working at it ever since. He is one of the chief

men in Governor Pierce's "kitchen cabinet," and is still interested in observing the workings of the prohibition laws.

Three children arrived to electrify the Currey home—Carol and Gladys, both teaching in the Corvallis public schools, and Roy B., who has a job printing establishment in La Grande.

Currey says that for all his Republican training, the first vote he cast for president was for William Jennings Bryan. He has started a boom for Walter Pierce for vice president but hasn't told very many people about it yet.

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