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BLESS THE LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits: who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving kindness and tender mercies.—Psalm 103:1, 4

Busy Week Expected

State House, Salem. (By Mail).—This is the week that it is generally believed everyone will get down to work and begin to separate the bills that look favorable and kill the others. Starting with the announcement of a public hearing on the child welfare amendment for Wednesday night, it is a safe bet that the state house will be about as lively every night in the week as it is during the day. The child labor amendment has behind it the best propaganda campaign we have ever seen. A special train will carry Portland women to the state house to lobby for the measure and many is the soul whose heart is fluttering for he started with the idea that the amendment was not a needful document, but with the fairer sex besieging him constantly, only the hard-headed will stand, according to a verdict delivered by several newspapermen today.

We have often been asked, "What is the governor doing?" Well, so far as we can observe for once in the governor's life he is sitting tight and talking very little. Painful? Of course, it is, for the chief executive just dearly loves to talk. He sees his power at last, and sitting as he does with his veto pen well inked, he can block just about everything that comes up should he choose to do so, and the little messengers are whispering that he chooses to do that very thing, provided things don't go right with him.

With authentic reports from Florida where a constitutional amendment was recently passed preventing income and inheritance taxes in the future, there is no question but what Oregon is in excellent position to reap on the Pacific coast what Florida is reaping on the Atlantic. And this does not mean, by any means, that taxing of incomes is not a thoroughly sound and just thing to do. This state is bitterly divided, almost equally divided on the question of taxing incomes. To continue to enact and repeal income tax laws is folly, and is so recognized by those who favor a state income tax law. The inheritance tax law now brings into Oregon about \$300,000 a year. If both these taxes are eliminated a repetition in Oregon of what is happening to Florida can be expected. What is happening in Florida?

Well, it is really marvelous, for the Florida law has only been in operation since November, yet the lumber yards are flooded with orders, new buildings are going up in the Florida cities. Real estate is changing hands with a real boom all over the state and twelve new de luxe passenger trains have been added by the railroad that serves Florida in order to take care of the wealthy people who travel back and forth. The rich men are registering as citizens and bringing in property which is rightfully taxed under the present Florida laws, and that is just what can be done for Oregon.

We talked with one lumberman who has a million dollars now invested in Oregon timber and he said if this state acted favorably on the Florida program that his whole crowd would come to Oregon and make it their permanent homes. Incidentally he asked how much inheritance tax the state now collects and when he was told he said the property and wealth, subject to ordinary taxes in this state, which his organization would bring with them would amount to as much as the entire amount now collected by this state for inheritance taxes.

Oregon has reached the point when only wealth of considerable size can develop her. The day of the attractive small sawmill running at a profit is gone, for those locations have largely been picked up and worked out. Now, it resolves itself into big capital becoming interested in order that progress and development will follow.

Money is easily frightened, too easily in fact, but so long as it is easily frightened we must accept conditions as they exist and not as we would like to have them. For this reason it matters not how much one may know the righteousness of a tax, when it is plainly apparent that harmony can never be achieved and development accomplished under such a tax, the thing to do is to look for the next best thing.

Florida has furnished that very thing. The demonstration is positive. It is not guess work. And Oregon can offer so much more than Florida that enactment of the

Florida measure in this state will cause even greater business strides here than in the state where climate is about the only thing to offer, and that climate consists of winter climate.

Already since the Florida amendment was introduced in the senate word has come from a number of wealthy people in California that they are watching it with interest, and if enacted they will remove to Oregon with their possessions.

With our perplexing high expenses in state affairs, with our tremendous highway system completed, but to be maintained, with our bonds to pay and with the needful improvements in a general way throughout the state, what we need is more wealth and more people to share the burden. The Florida plan will get the very kind of people and the very kind of wealth for Oregon, and coupled with our big lumber undertakings, actually means that the day is at hand to take a forward step provided this measure is adopted.

Bruce Dennis

The State's Part

Some one has called the system by which the various states govern themselves a laboratory method of political experiment. New undertakings in government, in civic and industrial betterment, and in solutions of state questions, may be made within the limits of the state, with the assurance that only that particular state will suffer any evil consequences, or enjoy unforeseen results of the action taken. Woman suffrage, for instance, was at first a state experiment. Its feasibility within smaller bounds demonstrated its practicality as a national factor.

This type of miniature experiment has the advantage of recording more accurately the exact state of mind of its constituents than would that same kind of experiment if it were undertaken by the whole country at once. If a state is not ready for an advance in its cultural tone, it has the right to refuse to undertake amendments to its laws which will bring about that advance, provided they do not fall below the standard set by the federal government. If, on the other hand, the level of a state's moral consciousness has risen above that embodied in federal law, it is at liberty to revise its statutes to suit itself.

Europeans exclaim at the large expanse of territory covered by the United States and wonder that the unity of the country can be preserved. This responsibility of each state to test the practicality of new laws in the interests of the government as a whole, and to raise its level of moral advance as fast as is possible, is one of the important reasons for such unity.

Billboards Doomed

A storm of public opinion now brewing may sweep the unsightly billboard or advertising sign from the roadside of main thoroughfares in this country. Up to this time they have been multiplying in numbers, but there are indications that the public is soon to register a protest that will go far in abolition of these eyesores and vision breakers.

The roadside signboard has a certain advertising value and the public neither envies the advertiser for his profit from it nor does it desire to deprive the advertiser of any business advantage, but the highways are primarily for the benefit and pleasure of the people and the advertising sign detracts from those benefits and pleasures.

Motorists find the poster-board obnoxious for the three reasons that it mars the landscape, obstructs the view of the scenery and creates a traffic hazard by interference with the vision of the driver. All are sufficiently valid reasons why the advertising sign should be prohibited along main highways.

In the early days of the automobile the roadside poster-board was limited to circus posters on barn broadsides and the motorists never dreamed of them as a future problem of highway administration. Public opinion then could not have been molded against the signboard. Today it is molding itself and may strike any time. When the advertiser finds that his signboards are distasteful to the public he will not wait, if he is wise, until the passage of legislation before he removes them.

What this country needs is socks guaranteed for 10,000 miles.

The immigrants think they have a right to this country because it was discovered by an immigrant.

Chancellor



Hans Luther, finance minister in the old Marx cabinet, is the new chancellor. The Centrists merely have approved his government for the "time being."

If he advertises it, he knows it's good!

1925

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By Junius

You can't judge a man by his clothes. But as a rule you can judge him by his wife's clothes.

The bus was starting in the rain, when the conductor put his head inside and inquired: "Will any gentleman get outside to oblige a lady?"

"She can sit in my lap if she likes," said a passenger jocularly. To his surprise a buxom woman bounced in and accepted his offer. After a time the man asked where she was going. On hearing her destination he exclaimed: "Bless my soul! That's my house."

"Yes," she said, blushing. "I'm the new cook."

He: "We got a hundred dollar radio set and had the electrician come in and attach it."

She: "That's nothing. We had a five hundred dollar set and the electrician came and attached it."

Visitor—What an inspiring sermon your husband preached on "One Day's Rest in Seven."

Pastor's Wife—I didn't hear it—I had to get his dinner.

Civilization has progressed to point where a man can wear a pair of golf knickerbockers down the street without attracting any more comment than a white mule with pink stripes running around him from end to end.

If Adam ever returned to this earth the only thing he would recognize is the jokes in the funny papers.

In a local barbershop yesterday a grandmother, her daughter, and her granddaughter were waiting to get their hair bobbed. Three generations right up to date.

The girl who wants a run for her money gets cheap hostility.

"Are you the fellow with the fat-toe voice?"

"No, I'm the fellow with the false set of teeth."

Say, did you wash that dress with soap flakes?

Sure what of it? Well, it lux it.

Eggsamples of unselfish flattery: The rooster who cackles when the hen lays an egg.

The small girl met the doctor near her home.

"You brought a little baby next door, didn't you?" she inquired.

"Yes," he replied, "shall I bring one to your house?"

"No, thanks," came the prompt reply. "Why, we've scarcely time to wash the dog."

He told her that she was his little lamb, but she fleeced him.

If a lot of us thought before we spoke, a lot of us would never speak.

College girls have taken up archery. Before long they will be shooting their husbands with bows and arrows.

Lack of willpower is what makes a man put on his clothes over his pajamas on a cold morning.

Politeness, these days, consists of offering a lady your seat when you get off the street car.

Some of the coat dealers should mends their weights.

Easy lies the head that wears a crown.

Income Tax Facts

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Salaries paid employees constitute one of the largest items of business expenses in the returns of many taxpayers. To be allowed such a deduction must conform closely to the wording of the statute by which it is defined as "a reasonable allowance for salaries or other compensation for personal services actually rendered." The test of deductibility is whether the amounts paid are reasonable, and whether they are, in fact, purely for personal services.

Amounts paid as compensation, but not in fact as the purchase price of services, are not deductible. For example, an ostensible salary paid by a corporation may be the distribution of a dividend on stock. This may be the procedure in the case of a corporation having few stockholders all of whom draw salaries. If in such a case the salaries are in excess of those ordinarily paid for similar services, and the excessive payments correspond to bear close relationship to the stockholdings of the officers or employees, it would seem likely that such salaries are not wholly for services rendered, but that the excessive payments are a distribution of earnings upon stock and subject to treatment as a dividend.

An ostensible salary may be in part payment of property, for example where a partnership sells out to a corporation, the former partners agreeing to remain in the service of the corporation. In such case it may be found that the salaries paid the former partners are not merely for services, but in part constitute payment for the transfer of their business. The amount of the excess should be treated by the payor as a capital expenditure, which is not deductible, and by the recipient as part of the purchase price.

A person who claims a deduction for wages or salary paid himself should report the amount as income, just as any other wages or salary received. Salaries or wages paid by a parent to a minor child who has not been emancipated—allowed control of his earnings—whether in consideration of services or otherwise are not allowable deductions.

GIRL IS BLENDED
—AFTER BREW SPRUCE
KIAMATH FALLS, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—One 15 year old girl is temporarily blinded, another of the same age is seriously ill and two young men were arrested at Lakeview as the alleged

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The Living Room

MOST of us remember the days of the parlor, a sacred place where the minister was entertained, where children peeked in as in a palace of wonders, where a speck of dirt was a tragedy to the housewife, where the family entered only on Sunday evening. Now all that is changed.

The parlor has been replaced by the living room, a place where the family gathers, where guests are entertained, where the true atmosphere of home is most prevalent, where the housewife of today puts forth her best effort and exhibits her highest artistic talent.

More than ever are the furnishings of the living room important; they contribute to the comfort of family and guests. It should be inviting and seem hospitable. Its furnishing exhibits the taste of the matron.

It may well be said that a family, its social station and its characteristics, is known by its living room. It is a sort of show place; therefore, its furnishings should be commensurate with the position in life at which a family desires to be appraised.

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