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#### THE TAX SITUATION

The sales tax has been beaten, and only time will tell whether the defeat will prove beneficial or detrimental to the country as a whole. Without doubt many vital Oregon industries would have been hit, if the sales tax had been accepted. It remains to be seen, however, whether or not substitute measures will be worse than the original.

Already it is proposed to put excise taxes on gasoline, tobacco, automobiles and numerous other articles. Each industry affected is bound to protest that it is being discriminated against, and many of these objections undoubtedly will be valid.

A federal tax on gasoline, for instance, would place an unreasonable burden on this commodity. Virtually all states already tax gasoline. In some states this tax is as high as 7 cents a gallon. Oregon imposes a 4 cent tax on motor fuel. A federal gas tax on top of those already imposed by states would be a blow to motorists the nation over. For many it might mean the difference between operating their cars or junking them, and the states lose money on every car that is forced off the highways.

It is really unfortunate that congress was beset with the problem of balancing the federal budget during an election year. Congressmen are sensitive as debutantes at their first party, at a time like this.

Also there is the ever-present problem of campaign funds. Both the republican and democratic parties must have large contributions to "carry on" during campaign years. Most of the money is usually supplied by big eastern industrialists who have personal axes to grind on the political emery wheel.

The party that offends these campaign contributors, whose donations often run into hundreds of thousands of dollars, is likely to find itself financially handicapped at election time. Hence, the pulling and hauling now evident in congress, despite the fact that emergency tax legislation is supposed to be a non-partisan product.

The valiant opposition of both republican and democratic party leaders to high taxes on the rich without doubt was motivated to some extent by the fear that campaign contributors might be offended. Fortunately the insurance majority were sufficiently strong to push through their program. Unless the senate balks, or President Hoover uses his veto power, high taxes on the rich are a certainty during the next few years. At that rates still are far below those imposed in England and other continental nations.

One phase of this "hook the rich" program has been generally ignored, we believe. This is the increased spending that will ensue.

Wealthy men, knowing that surtaxes, income taxes and estate taxes will claim a large share of their fortunes, will prefer to spend the money rather than turn it over to the government. This will mean new industries and expansion of those already in existence; purchase of real estate, yachts, fine cars and other luxuries. It will be putting money now held by the rich back into circulation, irrespective of whether or not the government gets its anticipated share.

The result will be beneficial to all. Men will be given employment building the things the rich man wants to buy. Payrolls will expand as industries are developed, to escape paying taxes. Advertising appropriations will be increased by the big companies, who will realize that they can get value for their money in this way, whereas otherwise they would simply have to turn it over to the government. This will mean work for more printers, copy writers, radio technicians and ad men.

There is plenty of money in the country. No one denies this. The problem is how to scare it out of hiding. High taxes on the rich should prove a boon in disguise.—The Dalles Chronicle.

#### THE REAL WILD WEST

In the Eagle Cap "primitive area" of the Wallowa mountains are two peaks over 10,000 feet high, one 9,000 feet and seven with an elevation of over 8,000 feet. Sacagawea peak, 10,033 feet, is the highest, with the Matterhorn, 15,004 feet, second. The Minam, Lostine, Innaha and Wallowa rivers head in the high mountains and add their rushing torrents to the majestic grandeur of the picture.

The rugged scenery of the high Wallowa was first described by Captain Benjamin Bonneville, who explored this country in 1834, but the first map of the area is published in a new folder on the Wallowa national forest released through the office of G. J. Buck, regional forester, in Portland.

The entire forest area covers 1,068,104 acres in Wallowa and Union counties and represents a stand of 1,800,000,000 board feet of timber which almost a billion feet is ponderosa pine. In summer the reserve supplies range for some 20,000 cattle and horses and for 70,000 sheep.

Set aside by the government to be maintained in perpetuity in its primitive state, the "primitive area" includes about 223,000 acres in the wildest fastnesses on the crest of the mountains. It is accessible by no roads and by but few trails. Those who would enjoy its broad vistas and inspiring panoramas must do so afoot or by horseback and pack train. But they will be well repaid for their effort.—Oregon Journal.

"It is said that one out of every eleven persons is in the public service in one capacity or another. Judging by the number of candidates announcing for office the other ten will soon be trying to get in"—Milton Eagle.

#### ROOSEVELT NOW HAS 111 VOTES

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The local chairman completed arrangements today for a special women's luncheon to be addressed by Miss Norma C. Brown, secretary of the Allied Campaigners.

The luncheon will be at the La Grande hotel on Friday, Apr. 8 at 12:15.

Mr. Evans explained to members of the local committees the objects of the campaign and reported the progress that has been made in the speaking tour since its inception last September in Columbus, Ohio.

"The idea for such a campaign was suggested last summer by friends of the 18th amendment," he said. "Viewing the repeated efforts being made to discredit and overthrow prohibition, they suggested that some active campaign should be undertaken to mobilize the strength of the great body of citizens who believe in the 18th amendment."

"Dr. Poling consented to lead the campaign, and the speakers have been busy since last September. They started out to cover 261 cities and towns in 261 days, but because of the favorable response in the cities visited and demands from other towns that were not on the schedule, they changed their plans in December so as to include many more points. The new schedule will enable them to visit more than 500 cities before the campaign ends next June."

"The speakers plan to do two things here. First they intend to give an accurate picture of prohibition. After that they expect to take an enrollment of citizens who believe in the 18th amendment and want to see it upheld. A local committee will be formed to carry on this enrollment after the speakers leave."

"Dr. Poling is hopeful that by next June, when the four comes to an end, more than 2,000,000 voters will thus have registered their support for the 18th amendment. An expression like that will prove a powerful argument when the big national conventions come to write their party platforms."

Crowds of 2000 to 3000 have greeted the campaigners in some of the larger centers. Mr. Evans said. In St. Louis, many had to be turned away. The speakers who will talk here include Colonel Robins, social economist and civic leader; Oliver W. Stewart, Dr. Ira Landrith and Miss Norma C. Brown, all widely known as champions of the prohibition cause, and Harold Singer, executive counselor of Allied Youth.

#### CHINA IS BUYING AMERICAN SILVER

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NEW YORK, March 30 (AP)—China has been a buyer of silver in New York during the last few days and some shipments have been made, it was reported today.

Silver authorities are said to regard this buying as indicating a resumption of Chinese activity in the New York silver market after a few months of negligible interest.

Silver shipments from New York to China in February amounted to 573,000 fine ounces compared with 150,000 in January and 2,132,000 in Dec. Shipments from New York for 1931 totaled only 20,695,000 ounces against 51,373,000 in 1930 and 64,102,000 in 1929. Shipments from San Francisco have shown a similar drop, it is said.

#### DR. SPEARS WILL GO TO WISCONSIN

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resign as head football coach at the University of Oregon to accept a similar position at the University of Wisconsin, the Oregonian said in a copyrighted story published today.

The noted mentor's resignation will be submitted to Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the University of Oregon, today or tomorrow with the request that it become effective immediately, the paper said.

Negotiations between Dr. Spears and Badger officials had been in progress several weeks. About a week ago Spears was quoted as saying he had definitely decided to remain at Oregon.

Spears' decision was made last night at a conference with Arlie Mucks, associate professor in the college of agriculture at Wisconsin, who had come west to persuade the Oregon coach to return to the Big Ten conference, the Oregonian said. Spears formerly coached at Minnesota.

Spears, as quoted by the Oregonian, said the unification of the University of Oregon and Oregon State college, as recently ordered by the state board of higher education, had influenced his decision. The board has inaugurated a program of rigid economy and Spears felt, the Oregonian said, that his contract, which calls for \$11,500 a year, was not in harmony with that program.

A "Hard Decision"

"It has been a hard decision to make," Spears is quoted as saying. "I considered the offer tendered by the University of Wisconsin only when I realized that remaining at Oregon might embarrass the educational board."

Spears intends to leave Oregon as soon as possible so that he may head spring football practice at Wisconsin, the Oregonian said. His contract has three years more to run but it is expected that he will have any difficulty obtaining his release.

Spears did not reveal the salary terms upon which he accepted the Badger coaching job.

At Oregon Two Years

Spears came to Oregon two years ago. He began the building of a football machine that many believed would become one of the finest on the Pacific coast. During his two-year stay his teams won seven conference games, lost two and broke even in inter-sectional battles, winning two, losing two and tying one.

His most outstanding triumph was last fall when with a team, which included many sophomores, he went to New York and defeated the previously undefeated New York University eleven, 14 to 6.

Wisconsin will be the fifth major

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#### COACH SPEARS RESIGNS

Football fans throughout the state were greatly worried a few days ago upon hearing rumors that Coach Doc Spears was considering an opportunity to go to the University of Wisconsin as head football coach. They swamped Doc Spears, Dr. Hall, and the state board with letters, telegrams, and phone calls protesting the proposed move. Spears finally quieted the storm by announcing his definite decision to remain at Oregon.

Today the whole state was startled by the news that Doc Spears would tender his resignation, effective immediately, in order to accept the Wisconsin offer. Undoubtedly the general attitude of the people is that of regret, for football is popular in Oregon and Spears has made a fine record in his two years of work here, but who is to blame for his leaving?

The coach said, in announcing his decision, that the unification of the University of Oregon and Oregon State college, as recently ordered by the state board of higher education, had influenced him; and he felt that his contract which calls for a salary of \$11,500 a year was not in harmony with the board's program of rigid economy.

Spears is undoubtedly sincere in that attitude, and we can understand, too, how the situation might possibly become more embarrassing in the future. Many editors throughout the state have expressed regret that Spears should be paid \$11,500 for turning out a football team when the state cannot afford to continue the School of Journalism in which the students themselves pay more than 55 per cent of the cost.

It has been pointed out, of course, that the taxpayers of the state pay only a very small portion of the salary received by the coach, and that the bulk of the money comes from football gate receipts. But many people still insist that it is absolutely wrong to abandon journalism and at the same time encourage commercialized sports; their argument is logical, too.

At any rate, Spears is not making the change from selfish motives. The salary to be paid at Wisconsin has not been made public, but it is certain that it will be not more than \$10,000. In view of present conditions, therefore, the University has decided to accept his resignation and not hold him to his five year contract.

The University will proceed immediately with negotiations to secure another coach so that spring football practice will not be interrupted. No prospects have been mentioned, but it is almost certain that Spears' successor will receive a much smaller salary than \$11,500.

If a \$5,000 man can turn out successful football teams no one will object; but if next year's team should fail to win games, we predict a popular clamor for another high priced coach.

#### MECHANIZED SPEECH

Freedom of speech is guaranteed by the constitution yet it is denied to the movies and radio; denied not by law but by the deficiencies of the machines for the reproduction of the human voice. There is a vocabulary censorship for both the talkies and the microphone.

The microphone has definite limits, which are even more closely drawn by the films and their technique. Long words, and particularly sibilant words and words with nuances of inflection, do not reproduce clearly.

This censorship has blacklisted a great many words. The list is further augmented by the peculiarities of pronunciation of individual actors and announcers.

Roughly speaking, Anglo-Saxon words and words used in everyday conversation have been retained while words of Latin origin have been banished.

It is apparent to all that this censorship will exert a powerful influence upon the language and vocabulary of the nation. Its effect will be one of schooling the public in the use of staccato sentences of monosyllabic words. This is in harmony with the spirit of our time, which calls for quick thinking, brevity of speech and direct action.

Many wars have been caused by over-production. It seems as though the dove and the stork cannot get along together.

#### ALLIED FORCES SPEAKERS COMING

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two days the speakers will spend in this city. In addition Mr. Evans and

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filled next Monday in Chicago by the arrangements committee for the

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