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### Equitable Tax Needed

The Washington County Taxpayers' league, headed by Mrs. Anna Kruger of Beaverton route 2 as president, has particularly important and worthwhile objectives set forth in its constitution.

It would encourage home ownership, one of the most stabilizing influences in the nation today under a plan of fair and equitable taxation. To help in this the league would encourage proper and necessary protection of these homes from unreasonable taxation. It would lower taxes in Washington county and especially to lower taxes on real property.

The scheme of property taxes under which all real and personal property in this county and others bears such a heavy burden is a holdover from ancient times. It is not fair or equitable because it does not in the least take into consideration the ability to pay. Many people under our present scheme pay very little as their share of the cost of the government although having a substantial income in that they should not be considered alike. comparison with those burdened with property low in income.

May the time come when through study and conscientious effort, forgetting the human selfishness in all of us, an equitable and just form of taxation may be arrived at that will furnish the sums needed for the many services now required of government. The prejudice and rantings of demagogues, though, is liable to always be a stumbling block. When this occurs it will provide the greatest possible encourage- do all it can to bring about improvement. ment to home ownership.

#### A Fine Band

A fine band organization has existed at Helvetia for a number of years through the splendid efforts of Joseph Wenzel. school teacher, and others. A program and dance is being given March 7 for the benefit of this group to raise funds for new music and instruments. The organization and its friends merit the support of the people of that community, and elsewhere as far as that is concerned.

# Absurd Condition

Speaking of absurdities, the telephone men who make up the city council.

I want to take this opportunity miles of Hillsboro to call long distance, if they wish to telephone the county seat, ranks near the top. Hillsboro is practically cut off at the pockets as far as telephones are concerned and that such should be when Hillsboro is the "hub" of the county does not stand to reason.

Chicago Parent-Teacher association conducted an anti-gun campaign among the schools, seeking to discourage the use of such playthings by children. A bonfire of the toy guns was held. Not such a bad idea at that and it might well be extended with benefit by other P.-T. A. groups. But how are the Chicago children going to protect themselves from the gangsters if they have no guns?

Legislators of a kind are against compulsory military training at the schools of higher education. Military training is good for anyone's health and bearing and it seems to us that some of these solons are making a mountain out of a mole hill. A trained and prepared American Citizenship will remain at peace with other nations much longer than the unprepared.

The life of a legislator is just one darn thing after another. He gets it on all sides and is damned if he does and damned if he doesn't. And for this he gets \$3 per.

# Our Yesterdays

Argus, February 17, 1921

Dairymen plan to protect market. Big meeting here votes for cheese and butter factories Milk price at Carnation condenser \$2.25.

Mrs. Isabella Tannock, resident of county since

1879, dies in Wallace Settlement February 10. Buxton revives its commercial club. Hilhi boys lose to Forest Grove high 17 to 11

and girls' team wins 10 to 6 over Grove girls. Mrs. Vashti A. Kimberlin died here February 15. \* \* \*

# Argus, March 1, 1906

Oregon Condensed Milk company, encouraged future outlook, votes to install pumping plant on Tualatin river at several thousand dollars cost. Cornelius State bank sold to John A. Thorn-burgh, Forest Grove, and A. S. Sholes, S. B. Huston, Ed Schulmerich, George W. Schulmerich, Hillsboro.

Thornburgh will be cashier and manager.
W. W. Boscow and W. F. Adkins secure George L. Baker's "Christian Company," for showing here in Crescent theatre. Beaverton wants water and light. Two tickets

in field, both favorable to system.

A Needed Improvement

For years the business people of Hillsboro have hoped that some means could be worked out to get the utility poles removed from the business streets, alleys dedicated and improved, decorative lighting installed and the sidewalks cut back as a progressive step in the community. Regardless of what one thinks of the merits or demerits of municipal ownership of electric utilities it would still seem that the hoped for improvement would benefit the city.

Nothing would improve the appearance of the business district more than the removal of the poles. The city council has gone on record in a divided vote against any further Pepco extensions or improvements in the municipality. A great diversity of opinion exists in regard to this.

Even if the city eventually should take over the system and there is divided opinion on this, it would seem that steps could be taken to prevent swollen values going into any changes that would give Hillsboro an improved appearance. The city owned system, if it comes, is a matter of the future.

## Public Forum

Deplores Gambling, Minors Smoking

To the Editor of the Argus-Are the people of Hillsboro concerned with the habits and morals of their children? Is their apparent indifference and carelessness regarding smoking and gambling real or only because its wide use is unknown? There is

more and more smoking among minors and the law prohibiting the sale of cigarettes is being broken. One merchant reports that when he refuses to ell cigarettes to a boy, the boy simply goes to anther store and gets them. Some suggest that peraps the children can get them at home. Some parents may sanction smoking but most do not. Some may say "Why not let them smoke since their par-ents do?" This argument is thoughtless and This argument is thoughtless and inconsiderate. In the first place a growing child and mature adult are so different in physical needs

Medical science has proved by extensive tests that the use of tobacco raises the blood pressure, ecclerates the heart and respiration and effects the nervous system. It retards the mental processes and shortens the "wind.

Recognizing the fact that the use of tobacco is armful to young people the state has passed laws prohibiting its sale to minors. The present laxness enforcement of this law shows negligence of duty on the part of enforcement officers and reflects on the community for allowing such conditions to ontinue unprotested.

The Parent-Teacher association of Hillsboro deores the present conditions and pledges itself to

> MAUD STANNARD, President. LUCILE ROMIG, Secretary.

### Courtesy of Council Appreciated

Hillsboro, Oregon, February 19, 1936. To the Editor of the Argus—I was one of a mmittee from the P.-T. A. to call upon the city uncil and the county law enforcement officials and present two petitions, one to ban pin-ball machines from the city, the other to enforce the law regarding the sale of cigarettes to minors.

In both instances the committee was received in the most friendly manner and consideration was given our petitions due a matter of major import-

The city council did not debate long and the motion to instruct the city attorney to draw up the ordinance repealing the present ordinance and prohibiting the use of the machines was passed without a dissenting vote. This is to the credit of the men who make up the city council.

To see."

At that he smiled a bit grimly. Eskimo igloos. Count me outprescribing the speed of motor vehicles and general rules regulating traffic on the highways of the legislature or by vote of the electorate. This is Indian country. You shall enough and to spare."

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practically every section within a few paper, to commend this action. Too often we are ready to condemn the action of our public officials and forget to commend when commendation is due.

Sincerely yours, CHARLES M. REED.

Pastor Methodist Episcopal Church.

# Stockholder Favors Power District

To the Editor of Argus-I attended the hearing of the Hydro-Electric commission at Hillsboro January 25. Many facts came out by the proponents of the proposed power district which I believe the stockholders should keep in mind.

I wonder how many got the real significance

of the chart displayed by Mr. Kramien, druggist of Hillsboro. This chart showed the power dollar of the Municipal Power System of Tacoma, Wash., in percentage as follows for the year 1934: Taxes, per cent in 1934, 10.5 per cent in 1935; interest, 19.5 per cent; commercial utilization and general, 8.8 per cent; distribution, 3.8 per cent; transmission, 3.5 per cent; production, 4.8 per cent; depreciation, 23.4 per cent; net income, 26.7 per cent; uncollected,

Appropriated for bond redemption 30 per cent applying the 26.7 per cent profit, and a part of the large percentage the Tacoma commission takes depreciation for bond redemption. The Tacoma have accumulated \$15,695,146.84 worth of property for themselves and at the same time have paid, since the beginning, 7.5 per cent in lieu of taxation. In the last five years \$16,350,982.18 has been saved to the people of Tacoma in the cost of their electric service as compared with the Edison Electric Institute's national average for private companies for the same years.

Now the facts the stockholders should know. The Portland General Electric Co. gets a power dollar 35 per cent larger than the Tacoma power dollar. This company claims a larger percentage for ition and transmission and takes about onehalf of the amount for depreciation as Tacoma. The Portland General Electric company has approximately 30 per cent of their revenue dollar as profit. The security holders are not being paid, and they do not retire their bonds. Where is this river of money going? I have found plenty of evidence where some of it at least is used against the very people who pay the high taxes.

I have often wondered how the people of the cities will ever get possession of their natural resource, when these power barons have an invisible partnership with the banker and strike for the key positions of all the civic organizations, even the school boards.

Think it over and vote for yourself. Vote for "The Proposed Power District."

The writer of this article purchased 57 shares of Central Public Service corporation stock in 1930 through the Oregon office of Albert E. Pierce and Company, who gave out the information that they had taken over the Portland General Electric company and several other electric companies in Oregon and Washington. One of their main arguments was that they wanted all of their consumers to share in the profits of the company. Shortly after last purchase of stock the company failed to pay any more interest on the stock sold.

As far as I am personally concerned I would be willing to sacrifice every dollar invested in this stock if the voters of this proposed utility district in Oregon would get behind the movement and put

Let us all get out and learn more about the proposed super utility district.

State Capital News Letter

BY A. L. LINDSECK

Big Personnel Change Expected in Both House, Senate

SALEM—There will be many new chambers when the state egislature meets in regular sesagain next January.

Sixteen senators are to be electnext November and a number of veterans of former sessions will not be candidates for re-election. Among those who will be most seriously missed will be John D. Goss of Marshfield, a democrat and generally rated as one of the most brilliant members of the senwhen struck by an automobile on the streets of Salem during the closing days of the last special ses-sion. Henry L. Corbett, twice honored by election to the senate presidency, has let it be known that he is through with public life and will not be a candidate.

A change in the boundaries of the twenty-fourth district has eliminated Peter Zimmerman of Yamhill county from the forthcoming campaign, at least so far as the senate is concerned and the new member from that dis-trict will come from either Linoln or Tillamook counties.

There appears to be considerable room for argument as to what can be expected to happen o the house membership. Last session the democrats controlled the house for the first time in nore than 60 years with 38 members in the regular session and 34 in the special. Republicans, callng attention to their normal majority in the state registrations, in-sist that this can not happen again -at least for another 60 yearsn which event there will be a izeable turn-out in the house personnel on this account to begin with. Democrats, on the other hand, have been digging in ever since their major victory of 1934 and are preparing to defend their gains with all the heavy artillery they can bring to bear on the enemy camp in the approaching battle of the ballots. A number of the house members, however, will not try for a come back. Howard Latourette, Multnomah county democrat, will try for election as Kirkpatrick, Clackamas county democrat, is already out as an avowed candidate for congress. transports. It had . . .

The state supreme court handed climbed the bluff to the post. the home rule amendment a knock-out blow this week so far as traffic regulation is concerned. In an opinion by Justice Bailey the court held that when city traffic ways pilots. The latter sprang to laws conflict with state laws the latter are paramount. The opinion represents a complete reversal of "Hullo." represents a complete reversal of the court's position in the case of Kalich vs. Knapp in 1914 in the which a state law was held to be unconstitutional because it attempted to regulate the speed of automobiles in the city of Portland. In its opinion this week the accourt held that "the state has and vous have to rub your pose against the court held that "the state has and vous have to rub your pose against the court held that "the state has and vous have to rub your pose against the court's position in the case duck! Helluva note, you squatter in the duck! Helluva note, you squatter in the case of the court's position in the case duck! Helluva note, you squatter in the case of the court's position in the case duck! Helluva note, you squatter in the case of the court's position in the case duck! Helluva note, you squatter "You most hater, Miss though. The case of the court's position in the case of the court's position in the case duck! Helluva note, you squatter in the case of the court's position in the wet all these months. Could've cruised your frozen hell the court in the wet all these months. Court held the court is the court in the wet all these months. Court held the court is the court in the wet all these months. Court held the court is the court in the court in the court is the court in the court is th ourt held that "the state has and you have to rub your nose against "Where are those Eskimo suits you state, which right when exercised news?" cannot be curtailed, infringed upon or annulled by local author-

Oregon motorists have paid a grand total of more than \$64,000 .source of revenue was first adopt- a salute. "All ready, sir."

\$23,000. This is the first meeting of the board since the session hortly after the close of the 1935 prisoner." regular session when two of the members were held to be discepted other public employment and forfeited their seats in the legislature. Topping the requests for help before the board today "Thank you, no." Garth cut in. ther for \$7010 to finance the work and three pairs of webs.' of the industrial welfare division.
O. D. Adams, state director of vocational education, is asking for an appropriation of \$3472.73 for a ably starting to freeze. Enough natch the state money. Wallace don't loiter all week."

Wharton, newly installed executive secretary to the governor, is on the rabbit-fur suit under his school gymnasium. The decorations are a spring motif of large flowers the budget department.

Four thousand Oregon employables, who were at work on sea-sonal jobs last November, are out luck now so far as jobs on reasked the WPA to advance the relief registration date to May 1 so hat these workers could qualify for jobs, but the federal administrator refused to accede to the request. As a result those who were not on relief rolls November 1 can the blue eyes were hard.

"Alan Garth," she said, "I've not find jobs on relief projects.

the lawmakers met in 1935 they decreed that salary savings in self-supported state activities should go fund covered only 60,500 workers. ment. In fact they admit that these salary diversions constitute the big end of the department's alleged \$195,000 in "actual savings" . . .

records of the state industrial ac- county. cident commission. High point in employment among industries cov-Help circulate the petitions and then vote for it when it is put on the ballot.—FERD LANGER. The low employment record was is not expected to occur reached in February, 1933, when eral years yet, however. I tried to spare you. But, if you must have it, he is a thief."

The Place for This Fellow

jeered that I'd be starved into wel- and belt-ax.

As he expected, a red-coated constable of the Northwest police after you!"

ways pilots. The latter sprang to "Hullo, 'Lan-you d-n' la me for wanting to go: "You most certainly are a good

She looked around the store.

CAUGHT IN

By Robert Ames Bennett

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Some time before the steamer nosed in to the landing, Garth made

ut that the pontooned plane afloat

at the waterfront was too small to

be one of the regular Bellanca

only three seats. Foremost of the

no cabin, and

THE WILD

"Your man set his bus down here three days ago. Hopped off PDQ, with all she could heave up under

-gas and oil." The constable had stood at at-000 in gasoline taxes since this tention. He met Garth's glance with trayed a trace of doubt, "But we'll sir, we'll overtake you within "Good work, Dillon, One question-those three miners?'

"Broke prospectors, sir. Records,

qualified because they had ac-cepted other public employment It's a great pleasure to have you

re two from C. H. Gram, state "Thank you, no," Garth cut in. bor commissioner, one for \$7098 "But I would like a rifle, rabbit undersuit, winter moccasins, gloves, He turned to the pilot. "Season

ng survey in co-operation with stream-flow, though, to keep a clear he federal government which will runway for your pontoons, if we

for another \$5500 to run buck-skins. When he came out, a with lattice work. Dancing will be girl in a plain, ill-fitting gown the main feature, but also games stood talking to the pilot. The will be played for those who do The will be played for those who do pilot glanced towards him. The girl turned quickly. He found himself face to face with Lilith Ramill. Yet it was not the grease-and-

ief projects go. Governor Martin pitch marked face of his canoe companion. Nor was it that deeplined roughed and powdered face with scarlet-smeared lips that had sneered at him on Tobin's wharf. It was a face smooth and firm, vivid with life and vitality. Only

learned all about it. You're going help, and a large crowd is antici-The budget department is stealing the legislature's thunder. When her lewest the legislature's thunder the legislature's thunder when legislature's them to be legislature'

nto the general fund. Now the Records for October, 1935, show we were to have received some budget makers are taking credit that employment was back up to three weeks ago. It will be prefor this salary diversion as savings brought about by this departings brought about by this departing brought about by the broug how trophies are seemingly lost. The Grim Reaper got off to a

The state will retire from the Mr. Romig attended the annual

alleged \$195,000 in "actual savings" accomplished during the past year.

good start this year with 22 victims killed in automobile accidents during January. That was five The class in general science had Industrial employment in Ore- more than the record for January, what electrified at receiving this response to a test question: Elecgon is back to within 10 per cent of the peak of 1929, according to cidents occurred in Multnomah same, only election is more shock. ling.

ered by the workmen's compensa-tion fund was December, 1929, co-operatives, now organizing are Pi Tau, national honorary fraternflax industry as soon as farmers' initiation and banquet of Epsilon when approximately 120,000 work-ers were on the commission's rolls. The low employment record was is not expected to occur for sevcampus in Corvallis.

Constable Dillon put in a word: The girl's eyes flashed. "Worse! along a young lady. If this Hux-But Garth to fetch a plane for them.

But Garth had been killed by a

If you refuse, there's another plane just come. I'll make Dad charter it for me. I'll have the pilot tag for me. I'll have the pilot tag

He pretended to accept her reasons | olation!

turned to the factor: "Add the helmet the pilot: "Kiwi, this is where you are to fit your name. You're going to be a wingless ground bird."

"Oh have a heart "Low"

"One. He drew over her head the shatterless gloss are the head the head the head the head the shatterless gloss are the head the shatterles Garth sobered to business. "What lady's outfit to my account." To

"Oh, have a heart, 'Lan!" Three is a crowd, and she is it. covered the opening. Ask her father."

have to have a pilot." joke. "Lady, what you don't know If fog or snow makes us miss you

and get your father's visa on your "Can

"It's not on the cards, sir, to take He's a cowardly murderer. That is by tries to act up—
why I too am going to see him taken prisoner."
"You?"
"You?"
"You?"

Down at the waterfront, Garth "Yes, I am going to see him went over the plane with his pilot cringe, the sneaky beast! Do you friend. There was a full load of think I've forgotten how he crept gasoline and a change of oil. To

oming him by the time he came | Lilith had gone aboard the steam- | Christian life; is that it? er. She returned with her father.
"Yet that's no reason why you He looked worried. She had put he looked worried with her father.
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"Have you gone insane? No more than get her out of that muskeg present them to himself, a glorious Garth studied her gravely. She hell, and you want to drag her stared back at him, hotly defiant. back to your infernal hole in deshim: He died to have us.

'The lady's choice, not mine." "Well, you're taking her." paternal authority?"

'Which is my seat?" "The rear.-Close her in, Kiwi." more.

She turned to fling her arms around her father and kiss him. It was the only caress Garth had ever seen her give anyone. tented, worrying, restless, fruitless, world-loving child of God. You have Christ as Saviour but you As he put on his pilot friend's never took him for your victory selmet and goggles the constable. So you ask what you must do to

shatterless glass cowl that almost Garth spoke a last word to her For the first time the girl be- anxious father: "In all probability, three or four days. May, however, Kiwi stared, then grinned at the have to lay over, in case of storm,

vanity. Had believed he loved her adv.

for herself at least as much as for her inheritance. Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned'-all that you know.

"Not all, Garth - no! There's

something else I can't make her out. Something different about her "Perhaps she'll tell you when we come out. I'll of course do what I

can for her. Garth shook hands, and swung aboard the small craft. At a sign from him, the displaced pilot gave the propeller a spin. The plane swung around, to taxi downstream.

There was no hurry. Had Huxby schemed to fly into the valley merely to stake the placer in his own name and hop out again, he would not have taken the three miners. He undoubtely had planned to do his season's assessment work. That would mean a shaft sunk to bedrock, so that he could bring out a load of the platinum

gold alloy Midway of the down river flight the three-seater ran into a sleet squall. Garth dropped to the water and tied up under the lee of a spruce-black point. When Lilith demanded to know the cause of the delay, he explained how sleet may put a plane into a spin by freez ng on the wings.

The squall blew over, leaving everything sheeted with ice. Garth and Constable Dillon knocked clear the front edge of the wings. Another hop brought the party to emergency refueling post, shortly before sundown.

This time Lilith Ramill did no refuse Tobin's crude hospitality. She troubled the old sourdough far more by insisting upon watching his preparation of supper and

He could not at first believe she was the painted lady who had scoffed at his "garbage." She not only refrained from scoffing, she ate his bacon and porridge as heartily as Garth and the police-

The moosehide canoe lay turned on the bank beside Garth's old birchbark. Tobin had at once told Huxby's story. According to the engineer, the lady and her father were still marooned in the mountains. He had come out with ounded she-grizzly.
(To be continued)

something as they buy their groand shot you when you weren't the week's supply of provisions, he coking? And what if he didn't in-added the three pairs of snow-buy butter tomorrow? Is it like looking? And what if he didn't in-looking? And what if he didn't in-tend to shoot Dad? He left him to shoes and the new rifle. With the a little goodness here and a big die. If that's not enough, must I rifle came enough cartridges to retell you how he taunted me? He fill the belt that still held his knife there by your human strength.

"It is! You shan't go without me. on her Indian-woman costume— buckskins, moccasins, fur cap and stant and all proved up as the would become his, that He might him; He died to have us. You his and He yours and having him you hater, Miss Ramill. One thing, though. The valley is about to freeze up. It will not be the sumcheer, love, joy, hope, strength wisdom, truth, peace; have him and in him you have all these and

Here is new life for the discon

First-absolute surrender. A clean sell-out to God. All the days that remain of your life; all your talents, hopes, abilities, even your pet sins confessed and turned over to him; your fears and worries too You stand stripped; nothing left you can call your own in this Next-from this time on all that

The state emergency board is neeting here today (Thursday) to none of the bunch is wanted, and they're not newcomers from across the border. They'll know enough the border. Southbound planes are you plan or do is to give glory to apt to be overcrowded, with everyone coming out," Garth replied.
"Now, Miss Ramill, we'll go down slipped on Huxby," Garth replied.
"Con Huxby," Garth replied. you blame her? Mangled George N. Taylor, Beaverton.—Paid

Co-operate With Your

Hilhi News Staff

School Spirit Helps to Make a Better School

furnished by Koeber's dance band.

with a program planned for the in-

Finds Trophy

A Boner

mittees are assisting.

Hillsboro Union High School Student Body

HILHI NEWS STAFF .....Ann Munkres

Assistant Editors
Mary Caldwell and Joy Foelker The "Girl Reserve Leap," annual boy and girl party, will be held Saturday evening in the high Nadine Patterson
LuVerne Abendroth
Jean Ann Connell
,Tom Stretcher
David Torbet
Irmal Trask
Harold Meyer Senate
Girl Reserves
Hi-Y
Blue-H
Student Council
Try Square
Advisor Miss Allen not wish to dance. Music will be

#### Editorial Although it may be rather an

Girls in charge of the party are undignified subject for such a Violet Wick, refreshments; Dixie regal thing as an editorial, it is Lee MacDowell, decoration; Ruth certainly one which requires deal- been selected: Virginia Perkins, Kraus, dance programs: Ann Munkres, invitations; Louise Cruzen, rough edges on the cafeteria tables and benches? If the school should intermission program and games. The rest of the cabinet and comclothes they have ruined, we'd be willing to warrant that someone nore Sherman, librarian. The Mothers' club is asked to would be put to work today, with a plane, Nothing is quite so maddening as to be caught unaware by a large, wicked-looking splinter B. M. Goodman, while cruising just beginning to misplace a piece of stocking. It is no wonder pupils eat their lunches on the streets-it is much more economical. A few moments of time and a little welldirected effort, and the cafeteria would take on a new dignity.

> What is wrong? Is it alterable? Monday morning our stars and bars were wound unceremoniously around the ball of the flagpole, looking as if they had been there for sometime. One of our most elementary lessons is a respect for the emblem of our country. Who s falling down in their duty to heir flag, their country and their

### Operetta Success. Spite of Weather

The operetta was well attended considering the weather and the prevalence of illness, and the general opinion is that the performance was very creditable. It represented weeks of work on the part of 130 students and the majority of the faculty.

#### Committees Named The rest of the Girl Reserve

cabinet has been selected by the members of the old cabinet. The following committee chairmen have ing with. What demon put those program; Pat Moyer, music; Ann Peters, decoration; Constance Peterson, social; Helen Haldum, pubobliged to pay for all the licity; Eleanor Bendler, service;

> Ten students returned to school on Monday, but there were still 120 on the absence list. This means that most of the six-weeks tests will have to be repeated. Beware Girls!

The Blue-H club hereby notifies

Many Absent

#### you to be on the lookout. The reason is that the Blue-H club will have a dinner and theatre party Friday, March 13.

Things to Change Take the Wurm's cap off the conorable bust of Abraham Lin-

The temperature of the schools on Monday.

Mrs. Abraham and Miss McDon-ald entertained Mr. and Mrs. George Jacobson of West Union High school basketball tourna- and Barbara Burdette of Orenco ment will take place at Mac on March 6 and 7.

at dinner Friday evening. After dinner they attended the operetta.