

EQUALIZATION OF TAXES IS DECLARED

Shift in Part From Tangible to Intangible Property Through Tax on Incomes Not to Mean Increase, Asserts Commission.

To dissipate a possible misconception in the public mind that the special commission created by legislative action to make an investigation of the tax situation is seeking to provide more revenue and increase the tax burden by recommending an income tax, the commission today emphasized its policy as one intended not to increase taxes, but to equalize the burden by shifting a part from tangible to intangible property through a tax on incomes.

The investigation of the commission thus far has led it to the conclusion that one half of the taxes for state purposes can be raised by an income tax, thereby leaving the other half to be borne by tangible property which now bears 80 per cent.

FUNCTION IS EQUALIZED

In the matter of tax reduction, the commission is proceeding on the theory that its function is to equalize taxes and that its study of tax reduction should go only to the extent of its bearing on the equalization problem. In opening a new source of revenue through the income tax, it is proposed to make a corresponding reduction in the tax on tangible property.

MAN'S ARM TORN OFF; HE MAY DIE

A G. Van Rosson, 45, an employe of the Northwest planing mill, 554 East Tenth street, received injuries which may prove fatal when his clothing caught in gears of a heavy machine at the mill this morning. His left arm was torn off below the shoulder and his right thigh was fractured. A physician from the emergency hospital administered first aid.

Oregon Merchants Open Convention; Many Attending

Roseburg, Feb. 20.—The eighteenth annual convention of the State Retail Merchants' association opened here at 10 o'clock this morning. Two hundred and fifty delegates from all over the state were present. The chairman for the day was C. S. Heinline, secretary.

Pioneer and Baker Spellers Are Tied

Ridgefield, Wash., Feb. 20.—Under the auspices of the Pioneer-Community center, near this place, a return spelling match was held Friday night between the Pioneer and Baker schools at the Pioneer schoolhouse. The Baker school was victorious, Perry F. Weber, teacher, spelling down Winifred Eatch. Each team comprised 20 spellers. Each school has won a match and the tie will be spelled off at the Baker schoolhouse March 2, at a Parent-Teacher association entertainment.

J. P. O'Brien Back From Two Months' Trip for Health

J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the O. W. R. & N., returned to his duties today after an absence of two months during which he recuperated from a severe attack of pneumonia, which he contracted in December. O'Brien spent his time at the beaches of Southern California, in Arizona and in Northern New Mexico.

Sues Governor MISS FRANCES BIRKHEAD, former secretary of Governor Lee M. Russell of Mississippi, who claims he ruined her life.



CHEST TURNS PLEA TO OCCUPATIONS

Optimism prevailed among officials of the Community Chest today on the opening of the fourth week of the drive and the beginning of the occupational plan of re-canvassing the city.

Plot to Murder Japanese Prince Nipped in Time

Tokio, Feb. 20.—(U. P.)—Arrest of a young Japanese for the attempted assassination of Prince Iseya Tokugawa on January 30 has been made by Tokio authorities, it became known today. The plot to kill one of the leading Liberals of Japan who was largely responsible for the policies of the Japanese government in Washington has been kept secret by officials. The young man has been held for some time.

Association Formed To Boost Pass Road

Chehalis, Wash., Feb. 20.—The Carleton Pass Highway association was formed here Saturday evening at a meeting of the Carleton pass highway boosters. The organization will include representatives of the Yakima district and will comprise members of good roads and commercial bodies. Early opening of the Carleton pass highway, which enters eastern Lewis county, is the object in view. Officers chosen were: N. B. Coffman, Chehalis, president; H. T. Siler, Rainier, vice president; George R. Walker, Chehalis, secretary-treasurer. J. A. Waste represented the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

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LEADERS BACK CONGRESSMEN OF NEW MOVE OF OPPOSE SALE TAX

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Farmers and Trade Unionists Are Asked to Unite for Political Action at Chicago Conference; Say Harding Has Done Nothing

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40 Hip Sing Tong Men Flee City

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PARSE SEINE LAW ATTACKED IN U. S. COURT

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