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"Liberal" States and the Sales Tax

Washington state, which voted four times for Roosevelt and this year for Harry Truman, which has elected democrats to state and congressional offices most of the time since 1930, and whose legislature has been democratic most of the time in that period, is often listed by political writers as a "liberal" state. Poor Oregon, with a solid republican delegation in congress, with its legislature republican most of the time and the board of control too, is given a conservative label by the same gentry.

If we were to analyze the tax structures of the two states, however, the conclusion would be different. Washington has a 40-mill limit on property taxes which gives property owners a real break. It has no income tax, and it does have a sales tax which is branded by all liberals as regressive. California, another "liberal" state, has all the taxes.

Oregon, on the other hand, puts a limit only on the rate of increase in property taxes, rejects the sales tax and impose an income tax.

Washington state has had an interim committee of the legislature studying its taxing system. Its report says that the state's tax structure is "fundamentally sound and major changes in it are neither necessary or desired." However, three democrats signed a minority report recommending "consideration" of an income tax—but none proposed a repeal of the sales tax.

In theory, an income tax is more equitable than a sales tax, but the latter is lush in yielding revenues, especially in boom times. And when a government gets hold of a productive tax it is reluctant to let go. It will rationalize as to its equity rather than lose the revenues. States which voted for the new deal and for the new new deal are not so conscientious in devotion to their political theory as to throw their sales taxes out the window.

Steelmakers' Lack of Faith

Back in the dark days of the depression new dealers talked glibly and at length about the overbuilt condition of the country's industries. Factories had over-expanded during boom days. Too much money had been withheld from spending and reinvested in plant.

The theory was that the country had reached a plateau of economic development. Unemployment would be more or less chronic. This was a natural result of the closing of the frontier, the ending of the period when men could push out and take up homesteads and back out a livelihood. The remedy, according to the new deal economists, was for government to tax and spend. Labored books were written to prove this theory.

Some of us benighted conservatives questioned this theory. We pointed out that according to Prof. F. J. Turner the frontier had virtually closed in 1890, but our economic development had not stopped. New frontiers beckoned in industry, through inventions, through scientific discoveries. America, relatively young, had not

Women Hold Key to Japanese Politics

By Reiman Merin
AP Foreign Affairs Analyst
WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—(AP)—A Japanese newspaperman, one of the first to visit this country since the war, has been giving me his view of the most important political influence in the far east in the immediate future.
He says it will be the women of Japan.
It's an interesting idea. The Japanese woman, patient, gentle, supremely graceful and charming, was among the world's most underprivileged being under the old system. She had no legal rights whatever. She could be divorced simply by a three-sentence memo from her husband. There were no provisions for alimony to protect her.
Having been divorced, her name would be erased from her husband's family book. Her own family might—or might not—take her back.
She had no legal rights to her own children and, when divorced, the husband usually retained custody of them.

Literary Guidepost

Tales of My People, by Sholem Asch (Putnam's, \$3).
Half of this book consists of "The Little Town," the short novel said to have established Asch's reputation in Europe and good enough to establish a reputation for anyone anywhere, and the other half is 10 short stories; nine of the 11 pieces, including the novel, are new to English readers.
Some of the short stories are about betrothal, marriage and divorce in pre-war Jewish communities in eastern Europe, and the rest are about the unspeakable atrocities inflicted on the author's people by the Nazis, a couple of them almost too true, of a truth so horrible that the creative imagination is helpless before the brutal facts.
It is "The Little Town" which I read with the greatest delight. We follow a wayfarer along a linden-lined, muddy road into the village; "whatever we see and whatever we hear" make up the body of the tale, and we

come to a dead end, but would again pick up its tools and press forward.

We revert to this record because the present generation of new dealers sings a different tune. For example, Assistant Secretary of the Interior C. Girard Davidson, in Spokane recently, sharply criticized the steel companies for their slowness in expanding plant capacity. He said that expansion plans of U. S. Steel fall far short of meeting needs, totaling only three million tons over a three-year period as against our 10 million ton shortage each year. Of the industry leaders, he said:

"These men of little faith are in constant dread of a depression which might leave them with 'too much' steel.

Public interest, said Davidson, requires that we take every possible step to get the expanded capacity we need. If the companies cannot raise the capital required the RFC should be permitted to loan them money.

Davidson has had charge of the scheme for voluntary allocation of steel, so is familiar with how far short steel production is. He probably has got quite disgusted with the steelmakers for their resistance to appeals of government officials for more production and for government allocations.

This time we agree with Davidson in his criticism of the steel companies. Their owners have been exceedingly conservative in their expansion programs. This is quite in contrast with the oil industry which has been very aggressive in carrying out expansion policies. The steelmakers missed badly in their prediction that supply would catch up with demand—now they are making no promises in that direction.

It is true that construction costs are very high but they could be absorbed without much distress because the older plants have been heavily depreciated.

We need faith in good times as in bad. A growing population with improving standards of living calls for more products. Prudent expansion is warranted in steel as in other lines of endeavor.

Dr. Louis A. Wood of the University of Oregon, one-time democratic candidate for congress in a letter to a newspaper, is curious about Senator Morse's "constitutional liberals." He inquires if there are any, or many "unconstitutional liberals." Looks as though we might have a seminar in semantics as well as politics.

We can't accuse the Portland Oregonian of the editorial vice of "Alfghanistanism"—flaying remote evils. It has lately waged and won the battle to shut down the city's auto testing station; and acclaims a victory for Joe Pungle. Maybe, after this experience, the Ogn will flex its biceps on other evils of city and state.

There is much talk of increasing the salaries of cabinet officers and other top officials of the federal government, including the president and vice president. To republicans though the increases will look like steaks in the meat market cases.

There was a feeble little politico-social movement on behalf of the women there before the war, led by a remarkable lady, the Baroness Shidzu Ishimoto, sister influence, even against the opposition of the militarists, was very great. She might have wrought tremendous changes if the tide of fascism had not been running so strongly in the other direction.

But her experience nevertheless gives a clue to the courage, energy and interest that Japanese women actually have in these problems. Freed now from the crushing weight of a militarist setup, they could go very far toward creating in Japan the type of government and society which the United States is attempting to protect and foster everywhere in the world.

The Japanese correspondent may be right. Those women may become a decisive factor in the future of the orient.

follow him out again later when snow has begun once more to fall.
It is not what might be called a very American story; the plot is rudimentary, it doesn't rush to a climax, it is not packed with thrills. But it is packed with overflowing with homely emotions, with the secrets of the heart, with the little fears and hopes, satisfactions and frustrations which fill the lives of ordinary people.
We meet Reb Yecheskiel and his wife Malka, their quarrelsome children, Leabeh and her lover and her betrothed, Nutta ann his sweetheart; there is a fire, a drowning, a rabbi who loses his congregation. But above all there is a community feeling; the bonds uniting these people are unbreakable in joy or in tragedy, and Asch moves us most when he moves all of them, when they gather for a rapturous welcome to the new rabbi or march exultantly in a wedding procession.

Sunday Services to Observe Christmas in Salem Churches; Song and Pageantry Planned

By Winston H. Taylor
Church Editor, The Statesman

Salem's churches' observance of Christmas—the anniversary of the birth of Christ around which the church is formed—will center on this Sunday, his various programs will continue throughout the coming week. In addition to worship services, there will be pageantry, music, caroling, parties and distribution of gifts to the needy.

In the latter part of the week, several churches have plans for Christmas eve and Christmas day services.
Special Christmas music is planned for Sunday morning at Evangelical Tabernacle, Assembly of God, with the choir directed by the Rev. James Kessler and the orchestra by Ollie Schendel. The Rev. Walter S. Frederick, pastor, will speak on "Wisdom's Great Discovery." At 7:45 p.m. the high school class will present a five-act drama, "Wada from the World to Christ," written and directed by the teacher, Mrs. Ed Gardner.

Calvary Baptist's morning service will feature Christmas music, including piano numbers by Ann Gibbons, vocal solo by Bernice Kleihshe, with organ obbligato by Germond Lamkin. Dr. Charles Durden, pastor, will speak on "Christmas—Then." Three choirs of the church will present a candlelight carol service at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, with the pastor speaking on "Christmas Now."

Pageant at First Baptist

First Baptist Sunday school program will be Sunday at 7:30 p.m., comprising a pageant, "The Shepherds Live Again," by the Junior department, directed by Anne Graber.

"A Christmas Lullaby," pageant, will be given Sunday evening by the children of First Christian church. The unusual portrayal of the nativity scene is directed by Mrs. Willard Morrison and other women of the church, while the children's choir is directed by Mrs. Dale Brown.

At Englewood Evangelical United Brethren church at 7:45 p.m. Sunday the choir will present a cantata, "Carols of Christmas," directed by Evelyn A. Kent and accompanied by Lola Koerner. Solos will be Chester Goodman, bass; Lee Schoessler, tenor; Mrs. Hazel Westphal, soprano, and Mrs. Winifred Gralapp, alto.
Cantata Sunday Evening
Beginners, primary and junior departments will open the Christmas program at First Evangelical United Brethren church with a program at 7 p.m. Sunday. Following that, the choir will present a cantata, "The Music of Christmas," at 8 o'clock.

An afternoon service, at 4:30 o'clock, is planned by South Salem Friends church, for the special program.

The children's Christmas program will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Christ Lutheran church.
A concert of mixed Christmas numbers, to be given at 8 p.m. Sunday at St. Mark Lutheran church, has been arranged by Victor Palmason. Maurice Brennen will be organist; women's trio and a men's quartet will sing, and Palmason will play a violin solo.

"When the Star Showed," a pageant by the Sunday school, is slated for 5 p.m. tomorrow at First Methodist church, in charge of Ray Pegg, director of youth. Solos will be Josephine Albert, Spaulding and Edith Fairham. Taking the lead role in the drama is Wendell Hall Lee.
Music at Jason Lee
Jason Lee Methodist choir, directed by Mrs. Glen Humiston, will present the cantata, "The Light Eternal," at 7:30 p.m. Sunday. At the organ will be Mrs. C. A. McClure. At 11 a.m. the choir will sing "Come and Adore Him"; a women's chorus will sing "The Shepherd Song"; "Jesus Bambino" will be a duet by Mrs. Jewell Brinkley and Mrs. Mildred Yunker. Dr. Louis C. Kirby, pastor, will speak on "Immanuel Has Come."

The cantata, "The Heavenly Child," is to be given by the Leslie Methodist choir at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, directed by Philip Good and accompanied by Mrs. Mervin Gilson.
The First Presbyterian church's traditional candlelight musicale will be given twice Sunday, at 4 and 7:30 p.m. Directed by Virginia Dobb Elliott, and with Mrs. Ralph Dobb at the organ, the choir's program will include Christmas carols of many nations and times.

81% of County Taxes Paid

About 81 per cent of the Marion county 1948-49 tax roll has been collected to date as compared with 85 per cent of the roll paid in by this time last year.
A total of \$3,175,682 of a \$3,938,070 roll have come into the tax collection office of Marion County Sheriff Denver Young, it was reported Friday. Last year's roll was approximately \$1,000,000 less than the record list of this year.
Receipts amounting to 32,249 have been issued while about 40,600 statements were sent out on this year's roll. A three per cent discount on taxes paid ended November 15 and since then a penalty of two-thirds of one per cent is charged.

Weatherly to Talk at Rally

Joe Weatherly, regional vice president of Youth for Christ International and director of the Pacific northwest area, will speak at Youth for Christ rally tonight at 8 o'clock at Evangelical Tabernacle, 13th and Ferry streets.
At University of Alabama he was an outstanding athlete, playing quarterback on an undefeated team and being chosen in all-conference and all-state teams. For several years he played semi-professional baseball. He studied also at Moody Bible institute of Chicago.
He will speak at the Salvation Army Sunday at 11 a.m. Sunday evening at 6:30 at the Highland Friends and young people's service, and at the Christian and Missionary Alliance church at 7:30 p.m.
The area has 110 regular rallies throughout the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho as well as British Columbia and Alaska.

Labish Center Rites Sunday Afternoon

LABISH, Dec. 17.—The Labish Center church Christmas program will be presented at 4:45 Sunday evening with the Sunday school participating. The choir will sing Christmas music under the direction of Willard Hornschurch. A reception will follow in the lower auditorium.

DR. LAGE APPOINTED
Appointment of Dr. George H. Lage, Portland, as a member of the state board of medical examiners was announced by Gov. John H. Hall Friday. He succeeds Dr. L. S. Besson.

4 Salem Men At Bonneville Advisers Meet

Four Salem men are back today after attending a two-day meeting in Longview, Wash., of the northwest advisory board of Bonneville Power Administration Paul Raver. The 200 present again stressed need for conservation of electricity in the face of present shortages.

Local men at the meeting were Ronald E. Jones, James Conklin of the public utilities commission and Robert Nordyke and Jack Frisbie of Salem Electric.

Conference reports said continuation of the program to reduce electricity use between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. is necessary and even more drastic measures may be necessary next year. If water supply is short next year, electric power use may have to be cut 16 per cent below expected normal load it was reported. Some power companies already are signing new commercial and even residential customers on condition their power supply may be interrupted in short-age periods.

R. V. Carleson New Master of Masonic Lodge

New master of Ainsworth Masonic lodge 201 is R. V. Carleson, following recent elections. Installation is to be Wednesday at Salem Masonic temple, jointly with Salem lodge 4, Pacific lodge 50 and Kingwood lodge 204.
Other new officers of Ainsworth are J. E. Reay, senior warden; Gordon C. Herrig, junior warden; Paul A. Hale, treasurer; Ed D. Potter, secretary; Paul D. Baker, senior deacon; A. W. Rockafellow, junior deacon; David Casebeer, senior steward; Morse T. Stewart, junior steward; Delmer E. Whitman, marshal; Clifford Bellinger, tyler, and Oscar T. Shutt, chaplain.
Installing officer will be Milton L. Meyers, past grand master, assisted by Walter C. Winslow, past president, as chaplain, and Karl B. Wipper, district deputy grand master, as marshal.

Warden Named President of Salem Chest

George C. Alexander, warden of the state penitentiary here, Friday was elected president of the Salem Community chest at the annual meeting in the chest offices. He succeeds A. C. Haag.

Alfred W. Loucks was named first vice president, E. Burr Miller second vice president, Henry Kropp secretary and Leo G. Page treasurer. Elected to the board of directors were J. A. H. Dodd, Herbert E. Barker, Loyal A. Warner, Roy Harland, Dr. Charles Wood, Charles Barclay, Mrs. Carlton McLeod and Mrs. Conrad Paulson.

Since final accounting showed 1948 chest funds at only \$101,150 of the \$110,000 goal, a uniform budget cut of 9.71 per cent was ordered for each of the eight participating agencies here—YMCA, YWCA, Boy Scouts, Camp Fire Girls, Girl Scouts, Salvation Army, Catholic Charities and Legal Aid Clinic.

Turner Methodists Make Sunday Plans

TURNER, Dec. 17.—A special Christmas service will be held at Turner Methodist church Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday school and worship service will be combined, to include Christmas music, children's program and the message by Dr. Robert M. Gatke, pastor.

U.S. Marshal Takes Men in Aurora Case

Two men charged with attempted burglary of the Aurora postoffice last Tuesday were turned over to a U.S. marshal by Marion County Sheriff Denver Young on Friday for removal to Portland.
Donald O. Gartin, 24, and Edson E. Culver, 20, both of Junction City were lodged in Marion county jail following their arrest early Tuesday morning by state police. They were apprehended near Aurora shortly after Richard Thiel, son of the Aurora postmaster, noticed a strange car drive away from the postoffice.

Alfred Ecker, 24, a third man wanted in connection with the attempted burglary was arrested at Everett, Wash., state police reported Thursday. He had been released from Oregon state prison Monday morning after serving a term for larceny. He had not been extradited to Marion county yet Friday night.

Charity Auction Nets Nearly \$100 At Realtors' Lunch

Ties, fireproof files and kiddy color books brought as much as \$3 per item during a gift auction at the Salem Board of Realtors annual Christmas party Friday noon in the Marion hotel.
Enthusiastic real estate dealers raised nearly \$100 for a fund of which a large share goes to a local charity. The board will not meet again until Friday noon, January 7.
Arrangements for the board's annual banquet late in January will be made by Leo Childs, program chairman, and Leo Page, reception committee chairman. Both were appointed by President William Goodwin Friday.

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City to Restore Park Avenue Drainage Ditch

Salem city crews are attempting to remedy a bad drainage system along Park avenue which has caused flooding in that area during the recent rains.

City Manager J. L. Franzen told Marion County Judge Grant Murphy that immediate steps are being taken to correct the situation. A group of Park avenue residents protested to Judge Murphy earlier this week that their home yards were awash. They said the floods resulted when a drainage ditch running along Park avenue was removed this fall as city crews installed a water main.

Judge Murphy passed the complaint on to the city with the recommendation that something be done. Franzen said Friday the ditch would be restored and drainage assured.

Safety Held Responsibility Of Employers

Employers are legally responsible to furnish a safe place for their employees to work and as a result should set the pace by providing adequate accident prevention programs. Otto R. Hartwig, Crown-Zellerbach Corporation, declared at the closing session of the Oregon Safety conference Friday.

"Labor looks to the employer to do this," Hartwig said, "and is willing to take progressive steps to do his part."

The conference was held under the direction of the accident prevention division of the state industrial accident commission.

The value of using pictures in accident prevention work also received attention of the conference. It was announced that the accident commission has slides and motion pictures available to all concerns under the workmen's compensation law.

Delegates gathered in separate groups to discuss current problems in logging, sawmilling, construction, public utilities and canneries.

The attendance, numbering more than 275 delegates from several western states and British Columbia, broke all previous records. Nearly every type of industry in the northwest was represented.

Shrine Club Contributions Total \$10,000

Contribution of \$10,000 in cash and food by the Salem Shrine club to the Portland Shrine hospital during Friday's luncheon meeting of the local chapter.

The report said 18 patients from Marion county were treated at the hospital during the past 20 months and 180 outpatients received treatment by the hospital staff.

Because of the large contributions in food stuff made by Shrine clubs throughout the state, the hospital is the most economically operated in the United States, it was reported.

Dr. Charles Durden, Calvary Baptist church, gave a Christmas address during the luncheon.

Valley Obituaries

Mrs. Millie LaVine
MILL CITY — Funeral services for Mrs. Millie LaVine were held Friday at the Mill City Presbyterian church with Dr. David James Ferguson officiating. Interment was in the Woodburn cemetery.

Mrs. LaVine died suddenly Sunday. Survivors include the widow, Willis LaVine; a daughter, Mrs. Claudia Knudsen of Seattle; sons, Melvin of Mill City, Clifford of Salem and Raymond in Vienna, Austria, and three grandchildren.

Roller skates were used on the roads of Holland as far back as the 18th century.

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