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The so-called coal carrying railroads are in offect in partnership with the coal mines. For
mines provide so much tonnage for roads like the Chesapeake \& Ohio, Norfolk \& Western that any slump in the coal business affects the earn-
ings of the road and the employment it provides. ings of the road and the employment it provides.
The coal strike sharply reduced freight tonnage and the switch to other fuels has impeded the recoivery in the mining and hauling of coal. As
result considerable worrying is in progress among those interested in coal economics. This ers to try to increase the tariff on petroleum
ten-fold in the attempt to shut out foreign oil imports.
Ent the future for coal is not as black as the
proauct itself. "Tracks," the C \& O house organ bravely publishes an article headed, "Coal's Big
Future." This big coal handler isn't just whistlIng to keep up its courage. It presents facts
which induce a little optimism over coal. The big consumers of coal now are electric senerating plants. Handling coal as they do, it
still is competitive with fuel oil. The steady grawth in electric consumption means, accordof tons in coal consumption. Hydroelectric possibilities are limited in the eastern and southern
states, so the electric industry must depend largstates, so the electric industry must depend larg-
ely on fuel generation of power to take care of its growing demands.
the form of coke), and for heating factories and of firing and smoke arresters reduced the smoke But coal is a prime raw material for chem-
istry. Coal tar alone yields 200 chemical compounds. Coal is a base for nylon. Experiment
are under way to perfect a gas turbine using
powdered coal, also to convert coal underground It is far too early to ring down the curtain
on coal. The flush of oil may narow its mar
kede but the known reserves of coal are so vas
that they probably will outlast domestic sup-
plies of petroleum. We should cosider plies of petroleum. We should consider oursel
ves fortunate as a nation to have such stores o
coal, insuring us of a fuel supply and a raw material for indust
centuries to come.

## Up Goes the Marble Station <br> Workers began chopping down the maple saplings on the lot at the corner of Center and Capitol streets preparatory to erecting there the mapitol streets preparatory to erecting there the may call. The station to serve gas bugighes that maty commission backed out of filing a suit to test the zoning change saying they didn't want to mix in local politic ing so at the behest of state boards and the stat legislature. Anyway here comes the marble sta- tion, white, pink or canary, we don't know yet which. Mayor Elfstrom made a statement defending the action of the zoning comission and the city the action of the zoning commission and the city council in authorizing the change. He fails how

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appeals of all state authorities. Moreover his
suggestion that the state take over the fringe area and use it for parking purposes exacts an
Improper condition on the state. The state is improper condition on the state. The state is
investing millions in the capitol anvesting mimions in to protect the fringe area against commercialization. That the zoning com-
mission and city council has declined to do. mission and city council has declined to do.
When the state provides parking space it will do When the state provides parking space it will do so on its own motion, and the plan the capitol
planning commission recommends is to use
blocks in the direction of future expansion for parking until such time as they are needed for building.
The Oregon City Enterprise-Courier is the
test paper to join the chorus of protest from latest paper to doin the cho
over the state. It remarks:
It is incredible that the Salem city council
does not see what it would mean to Salem
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tol zone wwith sensible utilitarian features, rath-
 It is a rather late day to do anything about
it, but perhaps the capitol shoul never have
been moved from On
We wonder now if the zoning commission and city councils are going whole hog and convert mercial use.
Looks Like No Tax Cut
The house ways and means committee has
been working all this session on a tax bill. Spe-
ial drives have been made against heavy excis cial drives have been made against heavy excise
taxes imposed in wartime. Even the president

Nashville, Tenn. consumers asked for bread Sunday-and got beer. The police decided to bread and lard and some other things on Sun-





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Movies, on the other hand, probably will never be com-
pletely replaced . after all THEY didn't kill the legitimate

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