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Taxpayers Wake Up

Taxpayers up in Lane county met in Springfield one night last week to form a taxpayers' association. Backers hope the membership will grow to 1,000. A speaker stated the purpose of such associations as being the study of budgets of taxing districts and making recommendations for cuts "when they're going too far."

We are not surprised at the move. Taxes are beginning to bite; and with the probability of a state property tax in another year the bite will go deeper.

These taxpayer revolts are not pretty affairs. In fact they can be pretty rough. We recall how they developed in the depression of the 1930s. Once a rugged group of taxpayers from Yamhill county filled Governor Meier's office to demand relief.

All taxing units have gone a long way from the days of depression budgets. Admittedly we can't go back and don't want to go back to those days. Neither do we want a tax revolution to start because it usually results in hacking and slashing, and hurting.

This week letter carriers will distribute envelopes to houses inviting contributions to the fund to fight muscular dystrophy. Then the firemen have agreed to call and pick the envelopes up.

At United Nations Russia's Vishinsky has turned on the switch for sweetness and light and is expected to make unanimous the vote to set up a scientific conference for international exploitation of atomic energy.

Suppose, he says, that the time has come when the Soviets have the means utterly to destroy this country. Suppose they mobilized the Red Army on the Finnish frontier, and demand a "friendly" Finnish government—which would mean, of course, a Sovietized Finland.

Bypass and Business

The Stayton Mail and McMinnville News-Register gave The Statesman the merry Ha Ha on the subject of highways bypassing cities, after The Statesman ran a picture and stories of diversion of traffic to the new No. 99 bypass with consequent falling off of business among establishments catering particularly to the motoring public.

The Statesman in supporting the highway commission program for locating new highways where they will be of greatest service has not denied there would be some loss of business by roadside establishments.

Put the roads where from the standpoint of maximum usefulness they belong.

Would Drop Passenger Service

The Portland Traction Company is seeking approval from the Public Utilities Commissioner to discontinue its passenger service on its Bellrose and Oregon City interurban lines.

It's a familiar story by now, the decline of passenger travel on the rails. Steam-diesel railroads have discontinued many passenger trains, and most of the interurban lines which once flourished have been pulled up or restricted to freight hauling.

E. W. Tiedeman, dairy department director for the American Farm Bureau told the Oregon Farm Bureau at its annual meeting in Medford that the milk industry is going to be revolutionized in the next ten years.

The administration seems to be trying to connect Senator Guy Cordon with a job and his name is mentioned in connection with the post of ambassador to India.

Vice President Nixon is doing his best to insure peaceful coexistence for Joe McCarthy and Senator Watkins, et al.



Well, I was wandering around inside this super-market the other day looking for breakfast cereals. I found a store employe busy marking down candy cigarets. So I asked him, "Cereals?" he said braskily, "Certainly, sir. What do you say?"



"Save?" I said. "Yes," he said, walking over to a wall lined with stacks of breakfast goodies. "You know. The loot. The gimmicks inside the boxes. What do your kids like? Animal, vegetable or mineral?"

"Well, I don't know—" I began. "Take these Atomic Cornies," he said, getting down a box. "Inside every box is a coupon. You save enough of these coupons and you get a surplus Navy submarine. And over here's a big favorite with the kiddies. Nibble-Nabbles. Each box contains a part of a real sub-machine gun. Buy 3,682 boxes, put the parts together and you get a genuine gun. These big boxes here are Oatie-Floaties. In each box are a fishing pole, a set of lures, a jar of salmon eggs and a can of live (jumbo-size) angle worms."

My attention was distracted by a mother and her small son who had invaded the cereal department. "I don't want any Snake-Flakies," he had shouted. "They only have white mice in 'em. And I've already got 43 now. I want Pasture-Pards. They got a octopus in each box." "AN octopus, dear," his mother corrected him.

Well, I thought, what the heck. He'll think I'm a piker if I expect nothing but cereal in cereal. So I wrote out a check for three boxes of Nifty-Nuggets. One of the clerks helped me carry them to the car. Well, sir, the next morning my wife opened a box for breakfast. And the kids were pleased for all of two or three minutes with the treasure. But when it came time to eat we couldn't find any cereal in the box. But there was a coupon. While the rest of us listened in hungry silence my wife read it. "Because the makers of Nifty-Nuggets, the breakfast food choice of the U. S. Senate, try to cram these boxes full of as many prizes as possible there is no room for this wonderful cereal. However, 25 of these coupons plus 30 cents in coin will entitle you to a box of Nifty-Nuggets. Save these coupons!"

Time Flies: From The Statesman Files

10 Years Ago
Nov. 21, 1944
A plain GI Joe's travel priority "bumped" royalty right off a commercial airliner. The royalty, Austria's former Archduke Felix, enroute by plane from Pocatello, Idaho to Los Angeles.

25 Years Ago
Nov. 21, 1929
Seven additional boys' and girls' 4-H clubs have been organized in Marion County schools.

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The Safety Valve

SITE FOR INSTITUTION DISCUSSED
To The Editor:
I am surprised at your editorial of November 17th, regarding the intermediate institution site. From the standpoint of a taxpayer and one familiar with soil structure, I think the purchase of marginal farm land a very poor investment.

ALTERNATE ROUTE
To The Editor:
I just read your item along with the picture: "By pass subject of bitter complaint" and its effect on South 12th St. I do not go along with you as to its effect on 12th St. So far I have failed to hear any complaint. We were all glad to get the trucks off our narrow street. And as for passenger car traffic, it flows much more freely and without much loss, if any. And I think most of us are pleased with the change.

"SUPREME BETRAYAL"
To The Editor:
This is an attempt to express the feeling of one of some 350,000 Oregon voters who put Wayne Morse in the United States Senate four years ago. At that time there were not enough Democrats in the state to defeat him, that there are more now, is not due to his maneuvering, but to the incredible stupidity of a large segment of party folk who ought to know better.

French Quick To Drop Russ Offer to Talk

By J. M. ROBERTS
Associated Press News Analyst
For years, every time the Russians have made some gesture toward a European settlement, France has wavered about some move toward Western European defense unity.

When Russia made her proposal for a Europe-wide conference for establishment of a mutual defense system, it was recognized before the four-power conference at Berlin last year, as another move designed to stop incorporation of Western Germany into a European defense system.

France was a little slow to react. There was some worry among other parties to the Paris agreement that she might again grasp at some straw which might in the end save her from agreement to West Germany's rearmament.

It does not, of course, guarantee that WEU will be ratified. The reaction of either the French or German parliament could go against that regardless of the determination of Mendes-France or Chancellor Adenauer. But it has a good start in Germany.

Despite the fact that West Germany's new strength will be restricted to defense, and that she has disavowed any intent to seek reunification except by peaceful means, her changed status, her new power, her autonomy within a Western partnership, will vastly increase East German resentment toward its own enthrallment and in the long run weaken Russia's hold there.

TLC Used in Cafe Bakery

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — "We make and bake our own pies with TLC," reads a menu in a Sacramento restaurant.

What's TLC?
"With tender loving care," says the waitress.

IT SEEMS TO ME

Chinese Exclusion Act was passed in 1882. In 1917 bars were raised against Orientals (Japanese) in the wake of anti-Japanese agitation in California. It was the Immigration Act of 1924, introduced by Albert Johnson, Representative from Hoquiam, Wash., which really reduced the stream of immigration to a dribble. It continued restriction by countries of national origin in the 1921 act, but made it tighter, limiting the annual immigration to two per cent of the number of persons from each country residing in the United States according to the census of 1890.

Through the years the source of our immigration varied exceedingly. Up until 1885 immigrants came chiefly from Northern Europe, at first mostly from the British Isles with infusions during colonial times of Dutch and Swedes and a few French. The rush of Irish following the potato famine there in the first third of the 19th century provoked hostility which bore fruit in the American Know-Nothing party, opposing immigration. In the middle and latter part of the century there was a steady immigration from Germany and the Scandinavian countries. Their "layers" may be found in the advancing frontier: large German elements in Cincinnati, St. Louis, Milwaukee; large

Scandinavian elements in Wisconsin, Minnesota, the Dakotas. After 1885 the source of our immigration shifted to Southern Europe: Slavic elements from the troubled Austro-Hungarian empire; Italians, particularly from South Italy and Sicily; Greeks, Jews from Russia and Poland. This later immigration did not flow out to the agricultural frontiers: the free land was pretty well gone by 1890. Instead it poured into the industrial centers. A polyglot population dug the coal, made the steel, dug the ditches, worked in garment industries. Our big cities became zoned into Little Italies and centers for Poles and Slovaks and Jews.

The story of how this immigration was absorbed (sometimes not assimilated) into the American culture is one of the epics in American history. Some of it has been told in books such as "The Promised Land" by Mary Antin; and personal accounts by writers like Louis Adamic and Michael Pupin. The second generation suffered in being caught between two cultures, the old European of their parents, and the new American of the schools and their environment. But this immigration made a contribution whose value we are beginning to realize. The New York Times noted this in its comment on the closing of Ellis Island:

"They rewarded with magnificent gifts the country that had received them with such magnificent hospitality. They gave us scientists, artists, writers, actors, philosophers, teachers. They produced great men of affairs. Their descendants sit in Congress. They make part of what is now the American temperament — a livelier and richer national personality than could have existed without them."

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