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EXPERTS, WHET A PENCIL!

HOW much money have Fred Fisk and Cal Young, the "demon chaperons" of county finance, saved on next year's county budget? How near have they come to their dream of cutting \$250,000 out of the amount taxable against property? A great deal depends on the way you figure things, so Demon Calculators get out your sharp pencils and figure with us and let's see how things check.

Since this is the tentative budget subject to revision by the taxpayers' assembly later in the month the first comparisons should be with the tentative budget at the corresponding moment last year. Here they are:

	1932	1933	Plus or Minus
General Fund			
Budget	\$288,601.00	\$239,020.00	\$ 49,581.00
General Fund			
Receipts	37,100.00	40,000.00*	2,900.00
General Fund			
Net	251,501.00	199,020.00	52,481.00
Tax Delinquency	12,000.00	116,500.00	104,500.00
General Fund			
Fund	194,400.00	140,700.00	53,700.00
Market Roads	82,620.00	66,000.00	16,620.00
School Funds	267,343.20	235,271.16	32,072.04
State Tax (Elementary schools)	155,000.00	100,000.00	55,000.00
Bond service	138,155.00	90,170.00**	47,985.00
Total Levy	\$1,010,019.20	\$947,661.16	\$153,358.04

* Includes \$15,000 transferred from O & C funds formerly spent separately from other receipts.
 ** Deduction has been made for \$45,000 transferred from O & C funds. Actual requirement is \$138,170.

If you lay the Fisk-Young budget against the actual final budget of last year, the showing is not so good because at the taxpayers' meeting \$50,000 was trimmed from the \$1,010,019.20 set up for taxation leaving a final levy of \$1,060,394.90. Against this the new proposed levy of \$947,661.16 makes a saving of only \$102,733.74 instead of \$153,358.04.

Oh well, you say, but Fisk and Young bumped into a couple of snags the old regime didn't encounter. They had to add \$104,500 more for tax delinquencies than did their predecessors and they failed to get the expected \$66,000 balance in the general fund at the end of the year to set up in general receipts. With these allowances they could have shown \$323,585 or \$273,238.74 cut in the levy.

Ah, but they also had a couple of windfalls. The knocking out of the Wheeler law made it possible to reduce the high school levy by \$31,820 and dropping valuations make the levy for state elementary school tax \$55,000 (estimated) below last year. Subtract \$86,820 from their other figures on savings and you get \$237,038.04 reduction below the tentative budget of last year and \$156,413.74 below the actual budget of last year.

Aha! These are savings on the levy. What about the \$60,000 O & C money transferred to cut the levy? That was spent last year and will be spent this year. It was spent last year outside the regular budget, so add it to your last totals and you get the equivalent of \$297,038.04 reduction under the tentative program of last year and \$246,413.74 under the actual program.

All of which goes nowhere though it's good fun to "figger". On the whole, Fisk and Young have done a good job—except for their stubbornness in holding to the silly campaign promise to bounce the farm agent and home demonstration agent (which would have added only \$2,750 to county costs). They ran into a lot of conditions they could not foresee, and they will run into plenty more before the year is out. It is doubtful if they can get through the year on a strict cash basis, even with the \$168,500 additional set up against delinquent taxes, unless tax collections actually pick up.

For the tax payer there will be an actual reduction of \$102,733.74, at least, for county purposes, but don't give three cheers too quickly. Valuations are down from \$48,559,291 last year to \$46,899,752.00 this year. It may be necessary to put back the old 2 mill levy for state operating expense. Tax bills for those whose valuations have not been reduced may actually move up.

PATRIOTISM INC. VS. SCIENCE.

FOR a good many years, some of us have thought that Prof. Albert Einstein should be barred from these United States. Any person who would upset all the known laws of gravity and physics by bringing in new doctrines such as relativity is dangerous. For ten or twelve years we have been listening to amateur scientists trying to explain Einstein's theory. They don't understand it. We don't understand it. Anything we don't understand must be dangerous.

To tell the truth we hadn't suspected that the funny looking little German Jew might be a communist. Why, that explains it all, of course. Come to think of it, the man is an avowed pacifist. Oh not the sort that Mr. Hoover, our Quaker president is, but—your know the kind we mean. Why, they do say that even though he was a citizen of Germany, he was actually too preoccupied with his metaphysical mathematics to take any interest in the franks his late Kaiser kicked up.

Besides scientists should not be allowed to think. Men who are teachers and in contact with the youth of the world should not be allowed to think because, who knows, they might even teach the youth to think. That would be dangerous. This Women's Patriotic Corporation of Boston that stirred up the American consulate in Berlin is on the right track. It took brilliant minds to incorporate Patriotism (but we hope they don't try to sell the natives any preferred stock like the Ku Klux).

Can you imagine the scene in Berlin? Some dapper little socialists from Yale or Princeton, with pink cheeks and an eye-wink-mustache, putting the world's foremost scientist "on the spot?" The old fable of the lion and the mouse. The world's greatest power trembling before the beliefs of a scrawny little scientist. Are you quite safe, Mr. Einstein, to associate with Miliken and

Munro and the rest of our chaps at California Tech?

Washington hastens to report that Einstein's visa will be granted. Good! We hate to see Uncle Sam in the role of "a huss."

NO BEER BY CHRISTMAS.

BY the narrow margin of five votes the measure to repeal the 18th amendment is blocked in the House. Indications are that the prohibition issue is sidetracked for the rest of the short session. It is just as well. Bread and not booze should be the issue of the moment.

Some temporary legalization of beer and wine would undoubtedly create a good deal of employment and stimulate markets for grain, hops and fruits, but it could not cure the depression disease. On the other hand the problem of working out some sensible plan of control is so involved that all benefits might be more than offset by confusion.

Repeal will come, but while an acceptable plan is being worked out, it will be better for Congress to give its attention to the more pressing problems of the moment—balancing the budget, curtailing federal expense, striving for some policy on war debts, tariffs and armaments which will lead toward industrial stability and peace.

Those who desire permanent reform of prohibition evils will not mind the delay. It is better than rushing into a half-cocked scheme which might kill itself.

It's an ill wind that makes nobody happy. Bootleggers will rejoice in the refusal of congress to vote repeal. In one industry the Christmas business is looking up.

Pop Warner is giving up the hot spot at Stanford. Here's a chance to get our old playmate Doc Spears back on the coast. By this time things in Wisconsin ought to be "rotten" enough.

Ajax McGurk says that the guy who wanted "beer by Christmas" has learned what the taxpayers learned long ago. In Congress there is very little help.

Al Smith, it appears, has blossomed out as a concert singer in New York. That guy will get elected to some office yet.

It's only 19 more days till Christmas! Cheer up!

WHAT OTHER EDITORS THINK

ORGANIZED LABOR IS RIGHT

(Medford Mail-Tribune)
 ORGANIZED labor repeats its unalterable hostility to communism and at the same time demands the recognition of Soviet Russia.

Only a superficial or hopelessly prejudiced mind could such a stand be regarded as inconsistent. Organized labor has no use for communism. The people of America have no use for it. Communism is the very antithesis of Americanism. Its principles and ideals are diametrically opposed to those principles and ideals which have made America great.

But the people of Russia have a different idea. They adopted a communistic form of government, and that form of government has been functioning for over a decade. There is every reason to believe it will continue to function for many years to come. It is, in other words, a government de facto.

Organized labor believes the people of Russia have just as much right to the form of government THEY desire, as the people of America have to the form of government THEY desire. Organized labor believes Uncle Sam has no more right to prescribe the form of government the Russian people MUST have, than the Russian people have a right to prescribe the form of government the American people MUST have.

This is not only perfectly logical reasoning, it represents a political ideal, which more than any other, forms the very cornerstone of a free and independent government, and is most deeply imbedded in American principles and traditions.

There are strong forces in this country opposed to recognition of Russia. It is doubtful if recognition wins at the coming session of congress. But in the opinion of this paper, organized labor has shown the way.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER
 (NEA Service Writer)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The sales tax probably will provide a more bitterly fought issue in the short session of Congress than it did in the long session, when the House of Representatives rebelled against its leaders and said it wasn't having any.

One thing seems certain: We are going to have either a federal sales tax or a federal beer tax. The condition of the treasury, which faces a deficit of between one and two billion dollars for the fiscal year despite the new taxes and economies imposed at the last session, guarantees that. If a serious attempt is made to balance the budget it is quite within the realm of possibility that we will be having both beer tax and sales tax.

The outlook is clouded now because, although the last Congress voted against both beer and the sales tax, it is too early to be able to tell how many members who would otherwise vote against beer would prefer beer and a tax on it to a sales tax and how many who abhor the sales tax proposal would still prefer it to a legalization of beer.

In all probability the sales tax fight will develop into a bitter struggle between the progressives and the conservatives, the former seeking desperately to retain the anti-sales tax of last session.

But the party leaders are expected to stand predominantly for the sales levy. The Democratic House leaders sponsored it at the last session and since that time President Hoover also has recommended it. Quite a few important figures who are worried about federal finances appear to have been weakening in their opposition.

If President-elect Roosevelt declares for the sales tax we probably will have it, so great will his influence be on so many Democratic members. But its advocates are likely to have a tough time smoking the governor out on any such controversial point.

Despite his budget-balancing promises, he is not technically responsible for anything that happens before his inauguration, and he would be the last man to identify himself with any course which he might fear would prove generally unpopular.

Also, Roosevelt is definitely committed to the beer tax, and although he will not be technically responsible for action on it at the coming session, it hardly seems likely that he would throw his pre-inauguration influence behind the sales tax without demanding a beer tax as well.

Congressman LaGuardia of New York and Doughton of North Carolina, respectively the progressive Republican and insurgent Democratic heroes of the sales tax revolt in the first session, will be on the job again this winter.

Indications that the full progressive strength will be thrown against the proposal are seen in Senator Borah's recent promise to fight it to the last ditch. He suggests in preference a bond issue—which would violate the current theory of budget balancing—or a \$100,000,000 cut in army-navy appropriations.

And although he is the last big congressional figure still militant for prohibition and is especially opposed to beer, he says he would prefer "any other alternative" to the sales tax.

The progressives, who generally favor higher taxes on inheritances and large incomes, have just received some solid support in the premise of the American Federation of Labor to "fight as never before" to prevent any attempt in Congress, through the sales tax, to transfer the burden of taxation from the wealth of the nation to the masses of the people.

SIDE GLANCES



"We would still be engaged, if he hadn't suggested we buy each other furniture for Christmas."

DIPHTHERIA NOW RARE WHERE IMMUNIZATION IS GENERAL

By DR. MORRIS FISHER
 (Editor, Journal of American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine)

QUITE recently, the preparation called toxoid has been developed for use in protecting children against diphtheria. Toxoid does not contain any horse serum but is merely toxin detoxified by the addition of formaldehyde. It is used in the same way that toxin-antitoxin is used and serves to stimulate the development of immunity, or of resistance to diphtheria.

There are some people who react adversely to injections of antitoxin because they are sensitive to horse serum. Hypersensitivity of this kind is the same type of hypersensitivity that produces eczema, or hay fever, or eruptions of blisters, or similar manifestations.

When there is a possibility that a child is going to be especially sensitive to antitoxin the physician can find out by injecting under the skin a very small amount, like one or two drops, of the antitoxin and then waiting for an hour to see if there is going to be a reaction. Whenever a reaction appears it can be combated by giving suitable preparations of drugs which serve to control the reaction.

Diphtheria is one of the diseases about which scientific medicine has the most information. Yet the condition is still far from being under complete control.

Some years ago, an eminent epidemiologist said that if all of the knowledge now available were to be applied practically, diphtheria would disappear from the world.

Nerveless, human beings, because of their unwillingness to learn to put into effect the knowledge that they have, continue to suffer from this disease.

In several communities in this country, notably Auburn, N. Y., and New Haven, Conn., where almost the entire population of children has been immunized against diphtheria the disease has been practically eliminated.

The prevention of this disease by application of the various methods that have been described represents one of the greatest contributions of modern medical science to the welfare of humanity. Recent tests show that 80 per cent of the children who have been immunized by the use of toxin-antitoxin or of toxoid remain immune for at least ten years after the injections.

It is reasonable to believe that we may yet see the time when diphtheria is no longer a menace to any civilized child.

In the meantime, medical scientists continue to study the germ of diphtheria, its nature, its method of transmission, the way in which it changes its own capacity to infect from time to time, and similar facts that are necessary in controlling this disease.

MAIL BAG

BEER THE LOVELY? NO!
 MAPLETON, Ore.—(To the Editor)—Jesus said: Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh out of the mouth, this defileth a man. Matt. 15:11.

A gentleman from Junction City presents in the Mail Bag a well written imaginative article concerning how nature came to make a drink which he calls "perfection." Perhaps this was all in fun; but please let me suggest that those who are celebrating an imaginary triumph should show more consideration to the youngsters growing up now.

Anyone who has spent much time with boys and girls in scout work, Sunday school and the like, and who has their real interests at heart will not appreciate having such a tempting picture set before them.

The quality most admired, and most deserving of reward in a human being is "character." Even the old sock preaches that.

I am a dry, but almost daily I am associated with men who voted wet and who are pleased with the outcome of the election. Many of them have children of their own, yet, whether or not they have families, I know of none of them who does not desire to shield the young ones from the drink habit.

I believe the majority voted for repeal because they believed that in some way it might possibly revive business—not because they desired liquor.

Speaking of sparkling pools of delight, or bliss, or what have you? I have seen a sparkling pool of delicious looking water in a desert.

GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD!



which, nevertheless, contained arsenic. A thirsty man without character or self control would drink at such a pool to his own destruction, regardless of signs and warnings.

I sincerely hope and believe that the majority of the wets who have had their desires gratified will drink their beer and let it go at that. You can sell your hops without teaching the kids to drink beer.

FENTON McLELLAN.

WANTS COUGAR CLEANUP

WESTFALL, Ore.—(To the Editor)—I notice where our game commission is going to save \$5000. They must be going to hunt the beasts themselves.

If they save \$5000 they will have to get busy. They won't have to kill many to save that much, either.

They charge us \$3 for hunting licenses, and we are allowed two bucks, that is \$1.50 for each deer, and if a cougar kills one in a week, or 32 a year, that would be \$75 worth of deer they are saving for \$25. Now they are going to save it all.

If they knew of a man who had killed 32 deer in a year, they would spend \$5000 to catch him, but they won't give \$25 for one cougar.

On wolf will kill more deer than one cougar for they will kill for fun. I know one trapper on Fall creek last winter who followed a wolf one day in the deep snow, and it killed five deer. The deer would fall through the snow and the wolf would stay on top, and they are still on top with a little help from the cougar. Well, it won't be long now.

Not because I am a hunter that I would like to see the bounty stay on cougar and wolves, but they have got them on the decrease, and I think now would be the time to clean them out. Let them go for a few years, and they will be as bad as ever, with less deer, and we all know they are scarce enough now.

WILLIAM McMAHON.

BOUQUETS AND BRICK BATS

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore.—(To the Editor)—Honor to whom honor belongs and ill will to none. I hate alcohol and all its nest of allies. I began to hate it at 18 years of age. I have seen it ruin hundreds. I know of thousands who lost all on account of it. During the present fight I have tried to throw off the mask and expose its deadly power to all who cared to know the truth of the King Alcohol's reign. I am too old now to sheath the sword. I shall keep it up as long as God favors me with health enough to do so.

Here is where I want to give honor to a wet paper—The Register-Guard. You have seldom left off a thought I intended to present, you have delayed at times till it did not count as much as it had been run at the psychological moment. Yet you have done it better than any wet paper I know of. I honor you for it. I appreciate your fairness. Writing to another wet paper in the county it was as silent as death to my article. While you did not agree with me you printed it and your wet friends read it and they were sure the truth will have its way finally. If you are editor still the next ten years I believe you will see the folly of the wets and come out militantly dry. If I live I shall keep the truth before you and your readers. You see I am counting on you to still publish a paper for all the people and not for just a few.

To the People Power—I think the Register-Guard has less sense than anybody on the prohibition question and yet has more sense than you or I on many other questions. Read his fine editorials and you see the man. He has given the drys a lot of help. Had I been editor not a wet letter would I have printed. He has been fair, yes, more than fair. Let's help him. He'll make a fine dry leader in state when converted.

What do you say boys? Now, dry folks listen—Let's hush up or get together and pull together. There are dozens of dry organizations. Heading them all is the Women's Christian Temperance Union. Sisters, you work well, teach well, spend your time and money well, then when you come to vote for dry men and measures you can't be counted on. So with the church forces and all the other temperance forces.

If all these temperance forces could have delivered their members at the polls as they said they could both old parties would have had dry candidates from president down. But

these old parties knew we could not and would not, and on the wet side they knew the wets would vote 98 per cent wet at the polls. Hence the reason for our defeat.

When all these temperance forces will vote dry at the polls on election days run, beer and wine will cease to be used as a beverage. So we are to blame for this wet wave.

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COTTAGE GROVE NEWS ITEMS

COTTAGE GROVE, Dec. 6.—(Special)—At the vesper service Sunday evening in the Methodist church, the subject was "The Bible." Mrs. Dwight H. Mercer and Mrs. Andrew Brund sang a duet, "My Mother's Bible." The Bibles brought were then examined. S. L. Mackin, Mr. Rose and Mr. Huff were appointed as judges by Rev. M. A. Groves and proceeded to award the prizes. Fred Bosley was given the prize for the oldest Bible. It was printed in 1828. Betty Jean Arnest had one 102 years old. Mrs. Lettie Knickerbocker had the most historical Bible. B. F. Morris had one used for more than 50 years. Mrs. Minnie Willis had a Bible found at Ft. Laramie by her mother when on trail by ox team to Oregon, and John Markham had the most used Bible, his father's Bible. Mrs. Joe Saffley and Mrs. Sadie Lewis had Bibles used by their fathers in the Civil war. There were many mothers' Bibles in the audience, and each owner received a present. Rev. M. A. Groves gave a good talk on the "Bible."

W. Mathews, who lives east of town while cutting wood Sunday was struck on the wrist with his ax, almost severing the wrist. He was given first aid by Walter McCaulon of the Owl drug store, and Monday morning went to Dr. Axley and had the wound dressed.

Ed Keltner and George Hawley went to Scottsburg Saturday to bring back Mr. Keltner's fishing boat, the Lillie L., which he has had at Scottsburg this summer.

Miss Elizabeth Heacock of Eugene spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Dwight Mercer, and father-in-law, Henry Mercer.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sherman and Robert Davis and family visited Sunday in Eugene with Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Walkinshaw. Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Davis are sisters of Mrs. Walkinshaw.

Mrs. Luthera Downs returned Sunday from McClellan, Cal., where she has been since last July, with her son, Leston Downs and family. Mrs. Downs is visiting Mrs. Nancy Porter at present.

Joe Bailey visited his mother Mrs.

Ethel McKibben, in a Portland hotel Sunday.

Mrs. Allie C. Hawkins celebrated her 87th birthday Sunday. Her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Houser, came up from Eugene and spent the day with her.

The Ad Labium club was entertained last Thursday afternoon by Mrs. Dwight H. Mercer. Mrs. Al Brund, Mrs. L. W. Coimer, and Mrs. M. A. Groves were invited guests.

The Methodist church at Cottage Grove combined, making 40 voices in all, will give the Christmas service in the Methodist church at the vesper hour and in the Baptist church at 8 o'clock. The court of honor of the Boy Scouts will be given in the town hall Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is invited to the town hall. The Cottage Grove band will give a concert Thursday evening in the armory. No admission will be charged. The W. C. T. U. will have its monthly meeting Friday with Mrs. Frank Houser.

The women's Poreline Missionary society of the Methodist church will meet Wednesday afternoon with Mrs. S. L. Mackin.

At the Christian Endeavor meeting in the Christian church Sunday evening there were 62 members present, with Mrs. William Watson, president. The lesson subject was "What we can do for the unity of the Church and World."

Mrs. N. E. Compton, county president of the W. C. T. U., and Mrs. N. Land went to Eugene Sunday afternoon to attend the executive meeting of the W. C. T. U. and in the afternoon.

The Tuesday Bridge club will meet Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. W. L. Lombar, hostess.

A. W. Swanson held high score, 100, met with Miss Eunice Van Deusen. The next meeting will be their Christmas celebration and the place of meeting has not been decided.