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#### It Will Be Hard to Convince Some of Us!

There has been a 28.7 per cent reduction in the county's tax budget. Some reports would indicate that interest over the county, and action taken by many organizations in petitioning the court for tax reductions was wholly unnecessary, and that proposals made by such bedies were ridiculous and immaterial. Well, the 28.7 per cent cut-more than one-fourth the entire budget, as compared with last year-means something. And we're not so but what organized effort had its share in cutting the expenses, all inferences to the contrary netwithstanding.

#### Why Not Take Care of a Few PRESENT Needs?

The northern part of the state is all upset about an extravagant program for the widening of the highway between the state capital and Portland. "Building for the future" is a phrase that is being used promiscuously by supporters of the program, who want a 60-foot pavement, and a 100-foot right-of-way. People who drive the Oregon City-Salem route, will readily agree that at times traffic is congested, and that a wider highway is advisable. However, state tax monies can only be spread so far, and there is much important road work to be done over the entire state. Why plunge into a program "for the future" on one fifty-mile stretch in the state, when there are many miles of tortuous, winding roads of main highways that are important as feeders to markets and the commercial and industrial interests of the state, that have not even been prepared for the needs of the present?

Culbertson says he is tired of bridge experts, including himself. So are we!

The United States seems to have acquired the depression habit. The "times" get a lot of "credit" for failure flooded and communications disof this or that venture, and what a handy excuse it has been for some people who are always looking for a way out of doing a little work, or for getting something for nothing. Now we have a new year in which to make a fresh start. The first thing we know some of us will be out of a legitimate excuse, and will find that while we have been blaming the depression, someone else has taken the opportunities that we have been too "depressed" to

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Well, bring on a few more political candidates. There are surely enough job-seekers left to make the other races for county offices as interesting as the one for sheriff promises to be. Personally, we would lots rather sit behind a desk, than conduct raids on stills. But there are at least seven men in the county who disagree with us!

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reports of the storm broadcast by California radio stations. The announcers guardedly admitted that a storm was in progress, and that it was causing some inconvenience, but really, you know the damage was very slight. One could easily imagine how painful it was for these perpetual boosters of the sunny southland to give out news reflecting on the climatic superiority of their state.

Anyhow, California had a real

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it. Up here in Oregon we have so that they at least can escape sufthem quite frequently, and have no fering from the chill of colder The Dalles Chronicle: California hesitancy in telling the world about

If more people realized that California is not the perpetual Eutopia that it is pictured, the state wouldn't be facing an influx of hundreds of thousands of jobless this winter. California has been made the Mecca It was interesting to note news of this pilgrimage because all the down-and-outers in the country want to be there during the winter,

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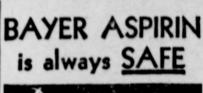
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