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MERCHANTS STAND BY THEIR LOCAL PAPER

The Springfield News says: Last week we stated that if the business men of Springfield would show a willingness to support the News that we would add a new cylinder press and other much needed machinery to our already well equipped office. This week two of our leading merchants have taken each a quarter page. Now to show you that we mean business and will do as we say, we will install within the next ten days, the very best cylinder press in Lane county. At the present time we are crowded "all out of shape" for space, but if you will bear with us for perhaps one more issue we will show you that we will keep up with the times.

"Old Faithful", the famous Yellowstone Park geyser, will be reproduced in Geyser Basin, one of the central features of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition which opens in Seattle on June 1. It will spout water, illuminated at night by electric lamps of different colors, a height of 150 feet in the air.

TRAMP FROM SEATTLE TO NEW YORK CITY

Mr. and Mrs. Hildebrand and Frederick Lange of Seattle passed through Cottage Grove Saturday on their big tramp from Seattle to New York which distance they expect to cover in a year. They will write a book on their travels and adventures. It is unusual to find a woman participating in such a freak undertaking, but Mrs. Hildebrand seemed optimistic and cheerful as her husband and their companion, but then they have walked only a few hundred miles. It is liable to become more monotonous a little later on.

RICHARDSON WILL LEAVE PORTLAND

Tom Richardson, the famous and successful Oregon promoter, has received an offer from Winnipeg, Canada, amounting to about \$100,000 for three years of work, and will retire from office of manager of the Portland Commercial Club at the close of the present year.

Big line new dress goods for Easter at W. A. Hemenway's.

INCOMES FILCHED FROM PEOPLE UNDER GUISE OF LEGITIMATE TAXATION.

Ability to devise and administer a system of taxation adjusted to changing economic conditions is a final test of fitness for democracy. Social progress calls for constant adjustment. In an industrial age like ours the eternal vigilance that is the price of liberty must be largely exercised in the direction of maintaining a just system of taxation. In our effort to secure an ever higher degree of social welfare, we are regularly increasing the activities entrusted to public officials. In spite of ourselves, we are led far into the realm of Socialism. The task of maintaining an equitable system of taxation under these conditions becomes a most obdurate and crucial problem, testing the competence of a self-governing people. A problem affecting so fundamentally the social weal naturally can be handled successfully only through rationality devised and consecutive effort and under the best leadership. Effective help toward a condition of equitable sharing of public burdens will come not from the inspiration of the one or the few, but from the enlightened, loyal and continued cooperation of the many. First of all, therefore, there is needed in Oregon a competent, authorized agency to ascertain just how, under existing laws and methods of tax administration, public burdens are distributed—the degree of justice or injustice actually realized being tested by the true standard of ability to pay. For this purpose the facts that are significant must be fully and indubitably ascertained and they must be secured through a period of time sufficient to serve as a basis for conclusions.

These data must be organized, and their meaning interpreted. The experience of other states with promising new departures in taxation revision needs to be examined critically for suggestion as to the direction reform should take for Oregon. The momentous importance of securing as nearly just distribution of public burdens as possible warrants this care. Only through such a painstaking and rational course of procedure is real progress toward this goal insured.

PRESENT REFORM ACTIVITIES IN ADEQUATE.

Yet there is no tax reform activity in Oregon fulfilling these requirements. Organizations like the State Grange and the Taxpayers League recognize fully what the situation needs, but have not the means nor the authority necessary for securing and publishing the data that may serve adequately as the guide to revision.

Temporary commissions, like those created in 1885 and in 1905, to investigate the problem as a whole and to submit their findings along with a complete revised code came to naught. The experience of other States with temporary commissions has been quite uniformly parallel with that of Oregon. Such procedure does not fulfill the conditions necessary for effective reform. In the first place, the investigations of such commissions do not suffice to establish fully the necessary facts upon which to proceed with revision; and, secondly, the import of their recommendations is not made so clear to the people of their representatives that they will demand the enactment of them into law. Classes, or interests, who under existing practices are escaping their rightful share of the public burdens, see to it that all the confusion possible is created as regards the effect of the proposed code, even if it is calculated to secure exactly the adjustment that the situation requires.

In the way of salutary tax revision, adherence to antiquated and ill-adapted devices is slavish. A people that bear to have a large portion of their hardearned incomes filched from them (and it is just such incomes we shall see are exploited by the primitive general property tax) under the name of taxes, because some classes among them fail to contribute a fair share toward meeting public expenditures, are free and democratic in name only.

BLUNDERING TAX LEGISLATION.

Rash and blind innovation in tax legislation, on the other hand, is free-bootery. The large favorable vote for a most radical initiative tax measure last June in Oregon indicates a strong and widely prevailing feeling of dissatisfaction with our system as it is. It also showed as clearly the utter lack of appreciation of the measure of disturbing effect of so sweeping a change as it contemplated in the forms of property subject to taxation. Its enactment would have meant nothing less than the transfer of at least one-fifth of the property values in the State by sheer process of confiscating from one set of owners to another. An industrial crisis would almost necessarily have followed such high-handed proceedings. The bull-in-the-china-shop act is nowhere else so easy as it is in tax legislation. Every change in tax laws causes hardship. It even involves confiscation and is in itself an evil. It is condoned only by the fact that, if in the right direction, it relieves others of the fate of suffering annually-recurring robbery. Any change in the tax code, therefore, is to be deprecated unless the necessity therefor in the interest of justice is demonstrated, as conclusively as investigation conducted with scientific method and thoroughness can, and the direction that the change should take has been as clearly determined.

EXPERT COMMISSION A NECESSITY.

The nature and importance of the work of keeping a system of taxation adjusted in a dynamic society like ours call for the services of a permanent, expert, investigating State Tax Commission. It will be seen that Oregon has an absolute need for the work of such a commission.—Extract from University of Oregon Bulletin.

SOUTH LANE COUNTY TEACHERS INSTITUTE

A most interesting and instructive county teachers institute was held in the Cottage Grove high school building Saturday under the directions of County Superintendent W. B. Dillard. Many of Western Oregon's ablest educators were present to instruct the teachers of South Lane county of which there was a good representation.

Among the instructors present were: President Homan, Willamette University; Prof. L. R. Traver, of Monmouth; Prof. H. D. Sheldon of U. of O., Eugene; Prof. C. H. Jones, Salem; Prof. W. E. Moses, Creswell; Prof. Wm. McQueen, Saginaw, all of whom, including Supt. Barnes of the city schools were down on the program for addresses on Educational subjects, all of which were interesting and most helpful to the teachers present. The exercises by the classes of Miss Neva Perkins, first grade, and Miss Wilson, second grade, was a new and interesting feature of the institute. The reading by Miss Ella Dickerson, was both appropriate and entertaining, while the lecture in the evening by Dr. Homan of the Willamette University was the crowning event of a most interesting day.

SUICIDE IDENTIFIED BY RELATIVES

Was a Resident of Modesto, California, it is Ascertained

After embalming and holding for two weeks for identification, the remains of the stranger who committed suicide in the Cottage Grove city park by cutting his throat with a pocket knife about February 26, Coroner Gordon, was summoned from Eugene Saturday to conduct an inquest before the remains were buried, all hope of identifying the stranger being abandoned. The verdict of the coroner's jury was to the effect that the man was unknown to the jury and that he came to his death by taking his own life.

The man, it seems, purposely destroyed everything on his person that would lead to his identity and getting off the train at Cottage Grove, went to the city park and cut his throat with a large pocket knife. His body was found about two days after the deed was committed, judging from the condition at the time it was discovered.

Every effort has been made by the coroner and other officers to



Emil Calanchini, the Suicide.

discover the identity of the man, and his body was embalmed and held with hope of finding some clue that would reveal his name, but without success.

The man had the sum of \$101.90 on his person at the time of his death, and this was turned over to the county treasurer by the coroner Saturday morning. The expenses of the burial will be met out of this sum and the remainder will go to the county treasury.

Suicide Identified.

After having buried the remains of the stranger who suicided at this place recently, a telegram came from Modesto, California, making inquiry regarding the case and pictures of the dead man, the number of his watch case, description of his clothing, etc., was furnished and the deceased was promptly identified as Emil Calanchini of Modesto, where his father, Peter Calanchini resides and who has deposited a sufficient amount of money with the local Wells Fargo express office to cover the expense of having the body exhumed and shipped to Modesto for burial, and by undertaker Marion Veatch the Leader is informed that the body will be exhumed today and shipped to Modesto tonight. This at last, clears up what at first appeared to be a very mysterious case, and as yet, the motive prompting the suicide has not been made clear.

The greatest automobile race the world has ever seen will be run from New York city to the grounds of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition in Seattle. The race will start on June 1, the day the exposition opens. A \$2,000 trophy and \$5,300 in cash prizes have been offered by M. Robert Guggenheim, the automobile enthusiast, who is a resident of Seattle.

SPECIAL SESSION DENIES NEW LEGISLATION BUT REMEDIES MANY ERRORS

Salem, March 15.—The senate and house this morning adopted a resolution proposing that the work of the special session be confined to correcting errors in bills passed at the regular session and that no new legislation be considered. The vote in the senate was practically unanimous, while in the house there were 33 ayes and 26 noes. An effort will be made to complete the business and adjourn by Tuesday noon.

THE ROUTINE WORK.

State Capitol, Salem, March 15.—Legislative business was not thrown wide open at this special session. Vetoes of the regular session were not taken up. The only matter outside of the defective acts that has thus far invaded the Capitol is the normal squabble.

Both houses have adopted resolutions to shut out any but subjects of defective legislation, but these resolutions do not bar any member from exercising his constitutional privilege to introduce any bill or resolution. They did not shut out a new normal bill in the house.

The senate has confined itself wholly to defective acts of the regular session. The house has received a new \$120,000 normal bill from Representative Barrett of Umatilla, and a bill to amend the regular session act that compels rope fire escapes in hotels, so as to exempt Portland. The bills introduced are as follows:

SENATE.

S. B. 1, ways and means committee—Appropriations for improvements in state institutions; passed senate.

S. B. 2, Wood—To protect ducks.

S. B. 3, Wood—To protect game.

S. B. 4, Wood—To protect deer.

S. B. 5, Wood—To protect elk.

S. B. 6, Kellaher—Exempting Portland from act requiring rope fire escapes in hotels.

S. B. 7, Oliver—Appropriating \$75,000 for next two years for Union Experiment Station.

All these seven bills are intended to cure defects in acts of the regular session.

HOUSE.

H. B. 1, Clemens—Amending insurance law, so as to authorize surety companies as well as insurance companies to maintain bureaus and gather information for fixing of rates.

H. B. 2, Brady—Exempting Portland and other cities from act that requires rope fire escapes in hotels.

H. B. 3, Barrett—Appropriating

\$120,000 for normals.

H. B. 4, Abbott—Amending regular session act so as to provide salaries for bailiff, stenographers and clerks of Supreme Court.

H. B. 5, McArthur—Curing defective emergency clause in act providing for uniform curricula.

H. B. 6, Farrell—Amending act that requires doors of public buildings to open outward, by inserting word "days" in clause that defines punishment.

H. B. 7, Buchanan—Curing defect in act that provides for publication of 5000 copies of code and providing for copyright.

H. B. 8, Bonebrake—Raising salaries of officers of Benton county; indefinitely postponed by house (this bill was vetoed by Chamberlain.)

H. B. 9, Bones—Appropriating \$6000 for expenses of special session; amended to \$7500 by senate.

Normal members joined every effort to have the legislature receive their legislation. In the house they succeeded, despite adoption of a resolution declaring that only defective acts should have the legislature's attention.

In the senate, however, they lost. The senate adopted a resolution of Bingham's limiting to ten subjects the matters that body would consider.

Adjournment sine die at 12 o'clock noon Tuesday was proposed in a resolution by Abbott of Multnomah. Other resolutions offered and, with the Abbott measure, referred to the committee on resolutions were: By Philpott, proposing that members of the legislature accept from the state only their actual expenses for services during special session; Dimick, adopting same rules for special session as were used at regular session; Jones (Clackamas), authorizing tax commissioners to compile and publish 2000 copies tax laws of the state; Barrett, permitting voters in general election November 1910 to say how many normal schools should be supported by the state; Jones (Lincoln and Polk), submitting to voters in November, 1910, question of providing a continuing appropriation of \$25,000 per annum for each of the three normal schools.

Mining Location Filed.

A. T. Doyle has filed on a mining claim in the Bohemia mining district which he calls the "Ophir Lode" and his location notice was filed with the clerk Saturday.

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