

Independence Enterprise

Published Every Friday by
Z. C. KIMBALL

Subscription Rates
One Year \$1.50
Six Months75

THE STRONG AGAINST THE WEAK

With unlimited financial resources and great power of authority, the federal reserve bank of San Francisco has been abusing that privilege by stooping to practices in its relations with some of the little dinkey non-member banks of the district that causes a blush of shame. It has been another case of where those in the seats of the mighty have attempted to coerce the weak sisters. Independence is confronted with a like situation in its relation with the highway commission.

The federal reserve bank has insisted that non-member banks of the district forget about exchange in making remittances to that bank. It was an arbitrary rule made by the federal reserve bank. The little state bank at Brookings, Coos county, insisted upon charging its customary exchange of one tenth of one percent. In order to make it as unpleasant and uncomfortable for the Brookings bank as possible a special representative was sent there by the federal bank, collections were sent to him. Accumulating as much paper as possible he would present it and demand instant cash payment. Fine business methods for our great federal reserve system. It seems that the Brookings bank officials had red blood. They went into the courts and the bank was granted a temporary injunction against the federal bank, and the other day in Portland, Judge Wolverton in United States circuit court made this injunction permanent and took the occasion to condemn in no uncertain terms the coercion practices of the federal reserve bank.

As to whether the policy of charging exchange is a sound business principle may be open to discussion. There are many good bankers who contend that it is not good business to do so. This is not the point in this matter. It is rather the case of a nation wide institution attempting to force a little bank to come to its assistance without recompense.

In spite of the fact that these are times when increased taxation is not generally looked upon with favor, Dallas added \$22,000 to its school budget for the coming year. A part of this, \$4500, is for a fund to build a gymnasium, and the balance is necessary to meet increases in the expenses of operating the school. There was a divided opinion over the question, however, the vote being 92 for and 89 against the project.

TOOZE WILL BE ACTIVE

In selecting Walter Tooze, Jr., to head the republican state organization distinction is accorded to one of the faithful party workers. Consistently republican all his life and active in politics since he cast his first vote, there will be no sleeping at the post by Mr. Tooze. The Enterprise is of the opinion that he has a man's size job on his hands but knows no one who is more capable of handling it.

It must be admitted that there are murmurings of dissatisfaction in republican circles over the outcome of the primary. There's going to be considerable sluffing when it comes to the election unless there is something to change sentiment.

The religious question is going to be a factor and so is economics. Party lines are torn asunder and to cement the fragments between now and November will require very thorough careful work and the elimination of the "bonehead" statements which characterized the primary campaign.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Briefly Sketched for Information of Our Readers.

Work has begun on the highway between Harrisburg and Junction City.

The Silverton schools have passed from secondary to first class schools. Re-establishing the mail route between Canyon City and Burns is now assured.

Mrs. Horace Richards is the first woman ever to be chairman of a Bend school board.

Fourteen applicants, all of whom were women, took the state teachers' examination at Fossil.

Many improvements in Mount Angel during the last few months indicate a rapidly progressing town.

Sale of \$123,000 worth of street-improvement bonds was authorized by the Klamath Falls city council.

Dr. C. W. Lassen of Pendleton was elected president of the Oregon state board of veterinary examiners.

A city manager plan of government for St. Helens is proposed in a charter amendment now being drafted.

The Hood River 1922 apple crop bids fair to be one of the cleanest and largest sized harvested in recent years.

Citizens of Condon at a special election last week voted, about 20 to one, to authorize an issue of water bonds.

The longshoremen's strike, which has been in progress since April 23 on Portland's waterfront has been settled.

The contract for rebuilding Happy Canyon in Pendleton, wrecked by the heavy snows of last winter, has been let.

Plans for the new highway bridge at Winchester, north of Roseburg, have been laid before the Douglas county court.

The proposal to merge two Oregon City banks, the bank of Oregon City and the bank of Commerce, has been abandoned.

The city council of Redmond has posted street improvement notices which call for more than five miles of cement sidewalks.

Oregon will be well represented at the annual convention of the National Education association to be held in Boston July 1 to 5.

Bernard O. Kemper of Rye Valley, Or., has been appointed postmaster at Rainbow Mine, a new office established in Malheur county.

Contract has been let and work started on a new three-story dormitory on the campus of the Canby college of the Eugene Bible university.

George Quayle, secretary of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce, has submitted his resignation to the board of directors of that organization.

Resumption of work on a projected railway line between Klamath Falls and Bend has been undertaken in a modest way, according to R. E. Strahorn.

Work on the construction of a diversion dam in the Deschutes river and a canal to carry water to the Tumalo feed canal is expected to be started by July 1.

The general upward trend in the lumber business of the Pacific Coast has already resulted in the boosting of the price of box shooks from 13 to 15 cents each.

Crater Lake hotel has changed hands. A. L. Parkhurst has sold his interest in the concession without reservation, to the Crater Lake National Park company.

George A. White, adjutant general of Oregon, was promoted from colonel to brigadier general in the national guard at Camp Lewis, according to advices received from camp.

Two hundred members of the Knight of Pythias lodges of Central Oregon attended the degree work staged on the top of Pilot Butte in Bend, the first outdoor initiation held in Central Oregon.

Forty-six work horses were burned to death in the stables of James Lyons, a Portland contractor, 222 Union avenue, Friday night in a blaze that did comparatively little damage otherwise.

Alleged failure to enforce prohibition laws, and general inefficiency on the part of Ole Nelson, sheriff of Clatsop county, are said to be the basis of petitions asking a special election to recall the sheriff.

Tom Christensen, 38, prominent farmer and stockman, was instantly killed at Haines when a hay defricker he was moving came in contact with a high voltage line of the Western Oregon Light & Power company.

Otis Patterson has resigned as one of the board of appraisers for Grant county, representing the world war veterans' state aid commission for Oregon. E. B. Moore of John Day has been recommended as his successor.

J. C. Stevens, engineer for the Klamath Drainage district, filed with the state engineer tentative plans by which the district expects to issue bonds in the sum of \$20,000 and to develop approximately 27,000 acres of land.

Switching of automobile license plates has become a common offense among unscrupulous motorists in Oregon. During June a total of twenty-nine arrests were made by officers of the state traffic department for this offense.

C. A. Sloat, Oakville, Linn county, school teacher, was "dressed in" at the state penitentiary after having pleaded guilty to assaulting two small Salem girls and being immediately sentenced to two life terms in prison by Judge Percy R. Kelly.

Three hundred petitions providing for 100 names each were put in circulation by the state headquarters of the American Legion through all local posts, seeking to have placed on the November ballot an initiative act entitled "anti-alien land ownership bill."

The Boswell mineral springs property, once one of the state's most famous resorts, has been purchased by a Roseburg company which will proceed at once to restore the baths and develop a modern resort which is expected to become immediately popular.

Oregon will receive approximately \$3,000,000 for road improvement work from the federal government during the next three years under the terms of the transportation bill just signed by President Harding, according to Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer.

Tragedy marred the Portland Rose Festival marine parade, when H. B. Conroy, boatswain's mate aboard the battleship Connecticut, fell overboard from his vessel's entry in the parade and was drowned in the river a few feet below the draw span of the Morrison-street bridge.

Eight crews, all said to be employed by the same interests, have begun cruising as many separate tracts of timber in the Nehalem valley. Who the crews represent is not known but the extensive cruising is believed to be the forerunner of the sale of some large holdings of timberlands in that district.

Through action of the national geographic board, made known in a letter received at Bend Commercial club headquarters, the name of John Y. Todd, early pioneer of central Oregon, receives a permanent place on the scenic map of the state. Lost lake has ceased to be. Todd lake takes its place.

When the period for filing applications with the state bonus and loan commission expired, a total of 31,974 ex-service men had applied for loans and cash bonuses. No further applications will be accepted. Cash applications received total 18,287, representing \$3,528,588.70, and applications for loans number 13,687, requesting loans in the amount of \$33,751,400.

At a special meeting of the Canby city council, an ordinance providing for the collection of a license fee from all stage companies stopping in Canby, was passed. The license fee was not set by the councilmen, but probably will be at the first meeting in July. The fact that the stages will be charged a fee when stopping here has aroused public interest. A number of business men have expressed disapproval of the ordinance.

According to a statement issued by Clyde G. Huntley, 67,640 personal income tax returns, representing net income of \$193,652,281 and normal and surtax of \$6,649,011, were filed in the Oregon office of the internal revenue collector for the calendar year of 1920. These figures show 17,977 more returns filed than in 1919, and a total net increase in income of \$27,411,675, but a decrease of \$1,583,426 in tax collected in Oregon.

George Potter, St. Helens city marshal and Cal Hoffmiller, deputy marshal and city traffic officer, pleaded guilty in City Recorder Godfrey's court to charges of disorderly conduct, and were fined \$10 each. The fines were the result of the fistie battle in the McBridge school shed in West St. Helens between Officer Hoffmiller and E. E. Dewey Harrison, St. Helens groceryman. The fight was referred by Marshal Potter.

Appeals in four of the friendly suits filed against the state bonus commission to test angles of the bonus law were filed with the supreme court under a stipulation which provides for the argument of all four cases at the same time. Points involved in the four suits include the right of a mother of a deceased ex-service man to participate in the bonus benefits, the right of an ex-service man to invest his bonus loan in business stocks and the question as to whether bonus money was to be regarded as part of the estate of a deceased ex-service man or went to the widow as a personal gift.

David F. West, 70, a farmer, shot and killed C. M. Kendall, sheriff of Linn county, and the Rev. Roy Healy, pastor of the Albany First Christian church, at West's farm home near Plainview, where they had gone to look for an illicit still, concerning which the sheriff had received information. Relatives of West telephoned the news of what had occurred and a posse of officers and citizens gathered and surrounded the house. West thereupon bade his wife a goodbye, which he told her would be his last, sent her to the home of a neighbor and then shot and killed himself.

The Independence National Bank

INDEPENDENCE, OREGON.

Member Federal Reserve System
Safe Deposit Boxes for Rent

A successful business career of over 30 years

Officers and Directors

H. Hirschberg, Pres. C. A. McLaughlin, Vice Pres.
I. D. Mix, Cashier, B. R. Wolfe, Ass't. Cashier
W. H. Walker D. W. Sears Otis D. Butler

Dry Goods and Groceries

Conkey & Walker

INCREASE IN NUMBERS; DECREASE IN INCOME

The number of Federal personal income tax returns for the calendar year ended December 31, 1920, was 67,640, representing net income amounting to \$193,652,281 and tax (normal tax and sur tax) \$6,649,011.

As compared with 1919, the above figures show a growth of 17,977 returns filed, as well as an increase in the total net income amounting to \$27,411,675 but a decrease in the tax of \$1,583,426.

The proportion of the population of the United States who filed personal income tax returns for the calendar year ended December 31, 1920, was 6.85 percent; whereas the proportion of the population of Oregon filing returns was 8.63. The average net income per return for the United States was \$3,269.40, whereas for Oregon it was \$2,862.98 and the average amount of the personal income tax per return in the United States was \$148.08, while for Oregon it was \$98.30.



Through for the day

Your day's work is shortened and made easier when you have a good oil cookstove. Burn Pearl Oil for fuel and you no longer have coal and wood to carry or ashes to shovel out.

You work with a clean controlled heat that is concentrated directly under the utensil where it is needed—and your kitchen is kept cool and free from dirt.

Pearl Oil is the clean-burning, uniform, economical kerosene—refined and re-refined by a special process.

Dealers everywhere. Order by name—Pearl Oil.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY (California)



Vacationing?

Like many others you are planning a trip into the great outdoors, and trying to decide on that vacation spot.

Let us assist by providing you with a copy of our 1922 "Oregon Outdoors" Folder. It is beautifully illustrated and brimming full of details, about resorts in Western Oregon.

Excursion Tickets



Cost Less—
—This Year

Tillamook County Beaches Newport By-the-Sea
Crater Lake National Park
Oregon's Forest, Lake, River and Mountain Resorts
Oregon Caves National Monument
Shasta Mountain Resorts Yosemite National Park

For fares, train schedules, beautiful folders, or other particulars, ask agents

Southern Pacific Lines

John M. Scott,
General Passenger Agent