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Wide Open Again

THUS far no Oregon newspaper that we have seen acclaims the Dennis amendment as an unqualified good thing. The measure is regarded generally by the state press as something utterly futile and mischievous besides.

Senator Dennis' proposed amendment, as has previously been said by The Guard, would not settle anything, even if it were adopted by referendum, because the amendment could be repealed at any subsequent election, if a majority of the voters should decide that they wanted an income tax law. Meanwhile we shall undergo a rancorous campaign for and against the measure.

Some legislators who are in favor of an income tax voted for the Dennis amendment. Did they foresee the thing that is not difficult for others to foresee, that its submission may quite likely result in the submission at the same election under initiative of another income tax law and may conceivably result in its passage?

Up to the day the Dennis amendment was adopted the income tax question was pretty well a settled issue. Now it is wide open again.

The Lower McKenzie and Yesterday

OUT ALONG the lower McKenzie highway yesterday the sun shone warm and brightly. Wild plum was in bloom. So were many dandelions. And a few spots flamed with brilliant yellow mustard blossoms. A meadowlark on the roadside fence pealed the music that only a meadowlark knows how to peal. There were robins, too. In a field a horse was rolling on its back, kicking its feet skyward. Two others lay lazily by, enjoying the sunshine. Four mallard ducks and a green-headed drake were swimming in a shallow pond. Many fields were brilliant with green growing grain and others were black with their freshly turned wet loam.

On a well-drained stretch of road a heavy truck was kicking up a dust. At two places man and wife were working together putting in early garden. A woman at Thurston was mowing the grass in her front yard with a lawnmower. Beyond Waltherville a road crew was at work, surfacing. High up on a mountainside to the south a slashing was being burned in the second growth timber. Deep blue the smoke rose, and straight upward. The McKenzie's waters were gray. Its volume was heavy with recent rains and its murmur as it flowed was strident.

School children loitered their homeward way. They were enjoying the pleasant lassitude that comes with spring's first manifestation. A long tandem of road-making machines trailed by, drawn by a tractor. At the power headworks a pile-driver was pounding away and the echoes of its blows came back resoundingly from the hills.

Growing things everywhere were showing delicate fresh greens of varying shades. All about were the matchless mountains. Over them was the indescribable blue haze that is the crowning heritage of glory of mountains hereabouts. Far up in the pass there a few clouds were visible and at their outer edge a great rainbow. It was a perfect afternoon along the lower McKenzie.

In all the discussion of the normal school question at Salem the advocates of increased facilities emphasize as the chief evidence of their need the fact that there is scarcity of competent teachers in Oregon. The question should be rather one as to whether present normal school facilities are overtaxed. There have been from time to time pretty definite reports that such is not the case. The lack has been, if these reports are correct, not facilities but students. Supplying of increased facilities will not correct the shortage of teachers if this is the condition.

It would appear to most of us that the battleship Oregon in its midst is one of the things that the state of Oregon can worry along without, in the present paucity of our finances. In the legislature apparently there is opinion to the contrary. The bill to appropriate \$20,000 for maintenance of the Oregon in Portland harbor ought to fail and if it does not fail, then here is a good item on which the governor might try out his snicker-snee.

E. E. Van Epps, of Crawfordville, isn't worrying any about co-operative marketing schemes. The Albany Democrat tells how he raises broom corn as a side line on his farm in summer, cures it in the fall and makes up his own brooms and sells them among his neighbors during the winter. That is self sufficiency.

The king of England is sentenced by his physician to take a long cruise on the placid waters and in the gentle climate of the Mediterranean. It must be terribly hard to be a king.

The Astoria Budget has just issued an annual development edition of 52 pages, profusely illustrated, which sets out comprehensively the facts about the resources and industries of Astoria and Clatsop county. It is a fine edition and a credit to its publishers.

Down in Portland a justice court has just gravely decided that it takes 103 oysters to make a pint, and an oysterman who had been operating on the theory that 50 were enough has been sent off to jail to revise his estimate.

Another crying need of the day is for a soup that can be guaranteed as noiseless in inhalation.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS

Freak Legislation (Salem Capital Journal) Dennis bill submitting to referendum the amendment abating all income and inheritance tax legislation for a period of 15 years. Humberto the freak is shown by the passage of the legislation submitted to popular vote

has been on radical and revolutionary ideas, such as wage law, price government, compulsory health insurance, and unscrupulous regulation attempts to drive out capital and honest business, but how the reformers are attacking the same procedure of appeal to the people to force through programs of tax exactions, and political appeals, this is a new sort of the same politics.

This means a resolution is really a trap, for there is nothing to prevent its repeal, should it carry, at the next election and as nothing is more uncertain or changing than public hysteria that occurs elections, there is no guarantee of stability or permanence of public policy under direct popular government.

Oregon will get some advertisement out of the freak proposal, based upon the similar Florida enactment, but it passed, will not experience the same reaction as Florida. Conditions are not at all parallel, for Florida is the winter playground of the millionaires of the east, and Oregon a location and climate forever for the class of steadily pleasure seekers. It will gratify the rich tax-dodgers in our midst but even if passed will not materially stimulate industrial development.

An extensive and expensive campaign will probably follow to induce people to vote for the measure. We will likely be told that hundreds of millions await investment here, if the amendment passes, and that it unlocks the door of boundless prosperity. Probably this campaign is the indication of the measure for immense contributions from those affected will afford fine picking for the propagandists, who will thus be assured of prosperity whether their incomes are taxed or not.

The Brooms of E. E. Van Epps.

Some comment in the always interesting History Rural Enterprise, turning upon the broom industry of E. E. Van Epps of Crawfordville, is suggestive of old days and better ways. We shall not say old and better ways, but at least they were not worse. Mr. Van Epps runs a farm, it appears, and in all ways comports himself in the approved farmer fashion—in all ways save one. This way, his broom-making propensity, smacks of the centuries gone when a farm was a self-sustaining institution on which everything from soup to nuts was provided for family use. Mr. Van Epps does not, as far as we may glean from our contemporary, set out to manufacture his own brooms, amuse himself by doing his vulcanizing and blacksmithing at home, or in general make any noticeable gesture of practical self-sufficiency. What he does do, most of us don't know, is to consecrate his idle winter hours to the operation of a little side-line. He can, in consequence, all the better boot himself to patronize the town boot-seller, vulcanizer and airplane repairer.

It does not hamper his summer style on the farm to raise twelve acres of broom corn. It does not occur to him as a reasonable matter to take the broomcorn to market, but to make the people farmers refer to kindly as "market hogs" gave largely what they like for farm products, and they notoriously dislike to give anything. Mr. Van Epps has nothing to say as to the profit ability of raising broom corn for the broom factory market. He makes it up himself during the long rainy days of winter and sells the brooms to all comers. His overhead, is negligible, the time he devotes to it, otherwise dead loss, his brooms are declared to be as efficacious as those the factories make, and thus, storing up a stock of clean sweeper, Mr. Van Epps supplies his neighborhood and jingles the coin in his pocket.

A Legislative Evil

(Salem Statesman) It is apparent to any one that one of the great evils of this legislature has been local bills. They are not fair and yet there is no way to prevent them under our laws. What we need in Oregon is an amendment as they have in most states prohibiting local legislation entirely. Few men have the nerve to oppose a local bill on principle and it is a mighty easy thing to make a legislator believe that all his people want a certain thing because only those interested are consulted in the petitions and letters. Most states have already prohibited local legislation and Oregon should do so at once we should solve a real bad problem.

In Lighter Vein

Union Forever. (Judge) Yankee Abroad—"I just bought a Rembrandt." Patriotic American—"Well, American cars are good enough for me."
No Compliment. (The Yellow Crab) Gladys—"He's so romantic. Whenever he speaks to me he always says: 'Fair Lady!'" Edward—"Oh, that's a force of habit. He used to be a street car conductor."
Goin' Up. (Louisville Courier Journal) "Bluebelle is dissatisfied with her husband." "Can't he bring home the bacon?" "She wants turkey."
Ambition Near Realized. (Santa Barbara News) We know a cashier who wished to be one of the 400 and now he is No. 387.

As Simplified.

(London Punch) Professor Brown—"What's that? Spell my name?" "Certainly. It for Blue, Red, W. R. for Phonograph; O for Ophthalmologist, W for Willing-bays; and N for Nudibranchs."

Spirit Work.

(Washington Star) "Do you think the third party will ever materialize?" "Well," answered Senator Soreg-hom, "it does a great deal of belligerence and shows shadowy forms that fill us with momentary awe. But I'm not enough of a medium to say whether it will definitely materialize or not."

GRAND JURY CALLED

HOOD RIVER, Ore., Feb. 23.—(Special)—The grand jury will be called in next Thursday by Circuit Judge Fred W. Wilson to make ready for the March term of criminal court. Several moonshine charges and a larceny charge have been held from justice court.

A Miracle Would Come in Mighty Handy About Now



QUIET INAUGURAL IS INSISTED ON

President Coolidge Lets Washington Know He Meant What He Said When he Gave Instructions to Keep Down Expenses

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—When President Coolidge said he wanted a quiet, inexpensive inauguration March 4, he meant it. Washington didn't understand him. This may seem queer. The president was plain enough about it.

The fact is, Washington preferred not to understand him. Business Washington, social Washington and official Washington love a big inaugural splurge.

The bigger the splurge the bigger the crowd. What business Washington doesn't know about squeezing money out of crowds isn't worth while finding out.

For instance, although the show can't possibly last more than a day, Washington hotels announced that they wouldn't consider room reservations for less than four days, the idea being to charge four days' fancy prices for a one-day blowout.

That's why business Washington likes a huge display. Social Washington likes it because a big show affords society a chance to show off.

Official Washington likes it as an account of the chance it furnishes to put visiting constituents under obligations for various small services rendered, and, besides, official Washington has certain interests which merge with business and social Washington's.

Business, social and official Washington undertook to handle the situation—so they thought—diplomatically.

They said the inauguration would be a quiet affair, of course. That was what the president wanted. That was what he'd get. Still, there would be a big parade.

There'd be stands, with seats at \$3, \$4 and \$5, to view the parade from. There'd be a court of honor. There'd be a big inaugural ball.

These different items were added on, inconspicuously, from time to time. Nobody would realize, so the managing committee assumed, that a monster celebration was being built up, bit by bit.

Coolidge Cuts Things Unfortunately President Coolidge did notice that, a little at a time, the inaugural ceremonies were swelling up and up and up.

Then, once more, item by item, he began cutting them down. He wouldn't attend the inaugural ball. He never said he would but the committee had calculated that, at the last minute, he'd have to.

He vetoed the court of honor. The parade? From a pageant which would have taken hours and hours to get past "a given point," he trimmed it to 45 minutes at most.

Regrettably the committee is returning the money it had collected, to provide the classic inauguration in this country's history.

Still more regrettably it has notified congress it had better take back its appropriation of funds to pay for fireworks and the decoration of "historic sites."

President Coolidge, it appears, wants to be inaugurated quietly and inexpensively. The committee hadn't known this before.

stilled and may the peace of God which passeth all understanding keep our thoughts in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen. (Copyright, 1925, F. L. Fagley)

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—There are less stogies, cheap Filipino cigars and five-cent ropes sold in the negro section of Harlem than in any other section of New York, a manager of a chain tobacco shop tells me. "The boys in Harlem usually smoke two-for-a-quarter brands," he says, "and there is a big demand for higher grades."

Because of the great shopping public here there are many stores which specialize in just one line of merchandise. Probably the most unusual of these is a furniture store of Fifth avenue that sells only furniture for children, handling miniatures beds, chairs, dressers and even dwarf pianos costing hundreds of dollars.

Stepped off Fifth avenue into one of the thrifties the other day to buy some socks in a haberdashery. Seeing some that struck my fancy I inquired the price. "Our socks are as low as \$5 the pair," the clerk answered. After I realized that he wasn't joking I wended my way out, telling him that I would call again. Both of us knew that I didn't mean it.

There are many ways to live by your wits in New York. Some of our biggest concert and stage stars have just learned that the woman who sold them "rare and unusual silks and broadcloths" at fancy prices bought them in local department stores.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

JESUS SAID UNTO HER, I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever loveth and believeth in me shall never die.—John 11:25.

Bible Questions

(Look up the answers) What is said of false witness?—Prov. 25:18.

gracefully carve a roast fowl. When I was a boy the ability to carve was a matter of pride with the heads of houses.

At the recent corset convention here it was decided that curved lines are to supplant the straight line. As a result the flapper now becomes the "dapper," according to one of the corset experts.

Oregon Briefs

R. H. Laughlin, secretary of the Marshfield Longshoremen's union, has been elected secretary of the Coos Bay Central Labor council.

A total of 45,371 acres in the heart of the Deschutes river valley, which a few years ago was considered almost valueless, produced in 1924 crops valued at \$771,078.

While driving some hogs along the road near Halfway, C. M. Barclay, a resident of Pima Valley, fell dead. Chasing the hogs is thought to have brought on a heart attack.

Plans for the annual strawberry carnival at Roseburg during May have already been started by the Emporia Chiefs, who staged a very successful festival last spring.

Mrs. Elza Robe, widow of the Rev. Robert Robe, pioneer Presbyterian church organizer, recently celebrated her 90th birthday at her home in Brownsville.

The average fine paid in liquor cases to the number of 140 in Coos county last year was \$330. Only seven verdicts of not guilty were rendered during the year.

The gasoline schooner Acme in trying to enter Siletz bay Saturday was capsized and the five men aboard had a narrow escape from drowning. All supplies were lost.

Farmers of Umatilla county are receiving \$2.65 a bushel for their Hard Federation wheat, which is in great demand for reseeded purposes in Walla Walla and other Eastern Oregon counties.

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard Feb. 23, 1900) S. M. Titus today let the contract for a one-story brick 41x76 feet to be erected on Willamette street just south of his present brick block for the sum of \$2550. It will have a handsome plate glass front and will be occupied by Mel Green. Six bids were submitted, L. N. Roney having the smallest.

The annual meeting of the Intercollegiate Amateur Athletic Association of Oregon was held in Salem yesterday. Delegates were in attendance from University of Oregon, Oregon Agricultural college, Pacific college, Newberg.

The northbound daylight overland was eight hours late yesterday and two hours late today caused by the wreck of a freight train at Cabin creek near Oakland.

Miss Ada Hendricks is home after a trip of several days in Portland.

M. O. Warner left for points south today.

D. E. Yoran went to Albany today on a business trip.

P. J. Jennings, Bahemia mining man, is in the city.

John Williams and family of Fairmount are moving into the former residence of J. B. Ellison, corner of Thirtieth and Willard streets.

Your Income Tax

This is the last of a series of articles explaining the income tax to the layman. It has been prepared in view of recent changes in the income tax law.

By R. A. CONKEY (Tax Consultant) ALL persons, in whatever capacity acting, making payment to another person, of interest, rent, salaries, wages, premiums, annuities, com-

Major General is Thrown From Horse PEKING, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Major General William Gruber, retired, chief of the ordnance department of the American army, broke his leg when he was thrown from his horse while riding in the legation here, yesterday. The officer and his wife were arrived at Peking on a visit.

Income tax return blanks are now being released by the collectors of internal revenue and those who filed a return last year will receive a blank by mail. The fact that one does not receive a blank does not excuse him from filing a return if in accordance with the law he is liable for one, so if you are liable for a return and have not previously filed one, or if you have changed your address within the last year, you should apply to your collector of internal revenue for the proper blanks. If your income is practically all from salaries and wages and does not exceed \$5000 you should use form No. 1040 A. If your income is from various sources, or if it exceeds \$5000, you should use form No. 1040. Should there be any items of your return about which you are not certain as to the proper way of handling, assistance can be secured by calling at the office of the collector of internal revenue, or in most cases your bank can furnish the necessary information.

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Tom Sims Says—

TOM Edison and Henry Ford went fishing. Bet Tom caught a few big ones and Henry a million little ones.

Coolidge has a mechanical horse in his room. Pushes a button to stop it. Saves him from saying anything.

Florists say the outlook for spring is very rosy.

Gardeners are planning plots all vegetables and a yard wide.

We hasten to explain the mechanical horse Coolidge rides for exercise is not a fiver.

We will have a new secretary of Agriculture in March. He should stress that agriculture is more important than just culture.

Mozart's opera, composed at 12, is being sung. Most operas composed at 12 are "I don't do it."

A movie comedian says he doesn't want a divorce. Perhaps there is something in these predictions of the world's end.

Our philosophy is that the world ends every night and starts out new again every morning.

Lincoln's lost speech has been found. Coolidge's hasn't.

In Fremont, Neb., a crazy man was found in the street eating raw corn, instead of drinking it.

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A Grip On The Road

Rain slick roads call for tire chains—then the careful motorist can drive on with confidence.

So it is in business. The road to success is all too often steep and slippery. With assistance it's easy driving—especially with financial problems.

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