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## The Dennis Amendment.

IT IS thought and argued by some newspapers and others in Oregon that the repeal of the state income tax was due to a belief held by a majority of the voters that the law was driving investments from Oregon. This newspaper did not accept that view in the campaign and does not accept it now. Undoubtedly some people voted for repeal on that ground. Some others were opposed to the principle of income tax. More of them, we believe, voted for repeal because they believed the particular income tax law that we had to be unfair and inequitable. And while the theory is incapable of either proof or disproof, this newspaper thinks the law would not have been repealed except with the support of those who took the ground last named.

The belief that the income tax law was repealed wholly because the voting majority believed it was driving away investments, was the starting ground for the Dennis amendment. If, argued the proponents of that measure, people repealed the income tax in order to make things attractive here for investors, why would they not go further and adopt a constitutional amendment guaranteeing that we shall have no income tax or inheritance tax either for 15 years to come? It was a mischief-making proposition, as fallacious as harmful and as harmful as puerile.

There can, of course, be no guarantee that a constitutional provision will stand for 15 years or any other term, longer than until the election next following the one at which such a measure is adopted, because a repeal amendment can be initiated at any time. Therein lies the Dennis amendment's fallacy. Its submission will open up again the whole question of income tax, which otherwise, following last November's result, would have remained settled for a while. And at the same election in which the Dennis amendment is submitted, voters also will likely be called upon to pass upon another income tax act and quite possibly upon an act to exempt agriculture and livestock from taxation.

Rightly or wrongly the Oregon public believes that there was inspiration for the Dennis amendment which has not appeared in the open. The measure is under suspicion. It is not difficult to find, among legislators who voted for its submission, those who say publicly or privately that they voted for it under constraint. It is difficult to find among them any who will defend the amendment openly or openly vouch for its worth. The best any of them appear willing to say is that it will do no harm to let the people vote on the questions involved. But it will do harm. It will open up again the whole income tax fight and aggravate the class or sectional feeling between farmer voters and those of the towns.

A very wonderful outing map of the state of Oregon has just been issued by the Automobile club of Southern California. It shows all the various resorts and beauty spots of the state, in their relation to the contiguous towns and cities. The various kinds of fish and game to be found in the respective regions are lettered on the map in red. National forests and monuments are marked. The reverse side of the map, whose dimensions are 22 by 21 inches, carries printed directions for reaching all the various regions it shows, with descriptions of their attractions. There is information concerning the McKenzie river and Cascade country to the extent of some 1200 words, opening with this remarkably generous statement of fact: "The Cascade mountains in East Central Oregon have more to offer the fisherman, auto-camper, hunter and sight-seer than any district in the west." Sometimes the rest of the world is inclined to accuse Southern California of provincialism in its claims for the attention of the tourist. This Oregon outing map shows that in its automobile club Southern California has one organization at least that is both broad and generous in its outlook upon the attractions of other regions of the Pacific coast.

Seventy-one special trains already have been booked to come into Oregon over the Southern Pacific lines this summer. Forty-one special touring parties are coming over the same lines. James A. Ormandy, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company, has announced. He remarks: "When it is remembered that the number of tourists who move in special train and special tour parties is usually small compared with those who travel on regular trains, it can be seen that tourists travel to the Northwest this summer will be much larger than ever before." This is to be Oregon's big year for visitors. All those who are coming over the Southern Pacific lines will pass through Eugene. How can we best slip to them the message of what we have here?

Married men will testify to the recent great growth of rear seat driving, but not many realize that it has reached a point where such explicitness is necessary as is contained in this extract from an account in The Oregonian of an automobile accident: "The automobile in which the Goldsteins were riding was owned and driven by M. C. Martin, a contractor of 450 East Lombard street. It was a small sedan. Martin was in the front seat."

A long parade of Germans goose-stepped past Hindenburg at Hanover and hailed him as Der Retter (the savior). Is it possible that after all the French are right and that Germany is unregenerate?

## COMMENT OF THE PRESS

A Case of Co-operation. (Sheridan Sun)

As an example of genuine co-operation between an advertiser and a newspaper, the text of the Eugene Guard in putting out a 16-page advertisement for an 11-day sale of Stanley stores at Eugene is unsurpassed, so far as our recollection serves us, in the state of Oregon. Not only was it just one gigantic, sporadic splurge of the Stanley organization; we quote from the ad—"we shall advertise every day, and everyone would subscribe for this paper because we shall offer goods at prices that will

save you the price of the subscription many times over." Stanley could put out their advertising matter more cheaply in circulars and perhaps get it into the mail boxes of as many persons—but they not only prefer the newspaper, they even insist people subscribe for it to get their daily message. There must be a reason. Not is there any business man in any other town who could not duplicate in a proportionate way the success of Stanley. Stanley are doing their bit to make a bigger and better Guard.

The Guard is doing its bit to make a bigger and better Stanley. That is co-operation by which the whole community benefits, and Eugene will be bigger and better than ever!

A Wise Man Lives Here. (Bend Bulletin) A 16-page advertisement was used by a Eugene grocer in a recent issue of the Eugene Guard. This is said to be the largest advertisement ever used in Oregon. It is also evidence that one of the wise men of Oregon has his home in Eugene.

A Record Grocery Ad. (Salemian Sun) The Eugene Guard last Saturday carried 16 pages of advertising for a new grocery store which opened in that city last Monday. This is the largest amount of advertising for a grocery ever carried at one time by any daily paper on the Pacific coast. The advertising was well displayed and each page presented a very attractive appearance. The Guard last Saturday consisted of 52 pages, and was certainly a clean, up-to-date news paper throughout.

This is Severe. (Medford Mail-Tribune) The University of Oregon is in the throes of a mighty controversy over "preserving the smoking traditions on the campus." As long as they don't discard the tradition of canning an athletic coach as soon as it looks like he was going to accomplish something nobody cares.

The Scales of Justice. (Roseburg News-Review) F. W. Fitch, originator of Fitch tonic, that special elixir that has commanded the attention of millions of men whose pates are devoid of much plasma that nature failed to produce, has been sued for divorce by his wife, who claims that she peddled the stuff from house to house in the early infancy of the industry and put the old boy on his feet and placed him in the millionaire class. Now he wants a new wife. He ought to be disappointed, like millions of his customers who wanted a new growth of hair on their craniums which the Fitch recipe failed to produce.

## In Lighter Vein

Moderate Camouflage. (Answers, London) Alec—Your new flat is larger, isn't it? George—In one way it is. There are three rooms made into six.

Plenty of Them. (Answers, London) Hubby had fallen down the steps and his wife was anxiously bending over him. "Oh, Tom, did you miss a step?" she inquired with much concern. "No," he growled; "I hit 'em all."

Cloud on the Horizon. (Boston Transcript) "You should think of the future," "I can't. It's my girl's birthday and I have to think of the present."

Believe it or Not. (Colorado Dodo) Our regular absent-minded professor recently put the cat to bed and kicked himself down stairs.

High Hat Stuff. (Stevens Tech, Stone Mill) Ratus—They're a lot of vice versa in this heap publicahun. Sambo—What you mean, vice versa? "What you mean to tell me you don't know vice versa is high hat to bum poetry."

Was He Scolding? (Penn Punch Bow) First Fresh—How'd Jack make out in his mid-year? Second Fresh—He was caught cheating. "How come?" "In physiology the question was asked, 'How many vertebrae are there?' and he was caught rubbing his back."

Oregon Briefs In order to determine flax possibilities in Benton county, a group of high school students will grow a flax crop this summer in different sections of the county.

Delphinium Belladonna was named as Bend's official flower by the growers and other interested citizens who voted in the election on that subject last week.

Work will start next week on a 15-mile trail from the United States Smith river near Scottsburg in the Siuslaw national forest. This will be the largest trail project for the season.

Two large millitons that came from Germany around Cape Horn to Benton county in early pioneer times are being erected on concrete pedestals in the city park at Corvallis.

John Frawley, prominent eastern Oregon pioneer, died at La Grande, aged 75. He was treasurer of Union county for 24 years resigning in 1922 because of ill health.

A Spokane firm has secured the contract for the erection of six additional grain elevators for the Wasco Warehouse Milling company at The Dalles. The cost of the project is estimated at \$10,000.

A lookout house will be built this year on Cummins' peak in the Siuslaw national forest. It will be occupied by J. V. Straumfjord, who spent the winter attending medical college in Portland.

Ralph Spearow to Resign as Pastor COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., April 21.—A. Ralph Spearow, who participated in the recent Olympic meet as a representative of the University of Oregon, resigned his position as pastor of the Presbyterian church here, a position which he has held four years. The only reason given for his resignation was inadequacy of a pastor's salary.

FORESTER RE-ELECTED SALJEM, Ore., April 21.—E. A. Elliott of Salem, state forester for the past 14 years, was re-elected at a meeting of the state board of forestry. The board also fixed the wage scale applying to forest fire fighters this year at a minimum of \$16 and a maximum of \$30.

## It's a Long Night That Has No Dawn



## CAPITAL QUIET BUT BUSY PLACE

Planning, Scheming and Conferring Occupy Stage as Between-Sessions Activities

By CHARLES P. STEWART (NEA Service Writer) WASHINGTON, April 21.—This is supposed to be a quiet place when congress isn't in session. The truth is that more conspirating goes on at the national capital when the bulk of the lawmakers are scattered



over the face of the country than when they are on the job, talking themselves black in the face and occasionally passing a bill appropriating money, creating a fresh political snip, or prohibiting something it always was all right to do before.

What congress does, when in session, is to carry out the plans framed up by a few leaders during recess periods, when they have plenty of time to sit down quietly and think and chat—to speechify—about the things they'd like to put through.

So, recess-time though this is, there's a continual dropping in and whispering and scattering and getting together again of this little group or that. These meetings are important, too. They don't attract much attention just now, but their results will, when congress reconvenes in December, or somewhat sooner, if an extra session is called.

The war and navy departments are planning more secrecy for future arms, ordnance, aviation and other military tests. The proposed ban would deny publicly, except as officially authorized, to any such demonstrations as the sinking of the battleship Washington, the most recent anti-aircraft gunnery trials at Fortress Monroe, or the earlier bombing of the condemned German war vessels, concerning which so much was said in connection with the Mitchell controversy. Publication of details or photographs other than those given out by the departments themselves will be prohibited, if officials have their way.

The trouble with this program is, losers, and both have to pay, by staggering taxes. Just because they have had cowardly politicians, the French have been the least trained, of advanced European nations, in the resolute paying of taxes. But there is no more resolute people in the world, in personal character.

Now that they have found out tardily what their leaders should have told them in time, they may turn first on their deceivers, but they will then turn also to the job, and do it. French politics may be nearly as stupid and cowardly as American politics, but French character is sound. That, finally, must be the salvation of France, as it has been of America.

In New York By JAMES W. DEAN NEW YORK, April 21.—Little snatches of scenes, chatter and rumble around the town... A sweet potato oven on Market street, lower East Side, Penny for half a potato... In Allen street, a little carrying new brass ware to peddle stock "antiques" in one of the many brass shops there... In Orchard street, pushcart dealer in second-hand hardware buying auto hub cap for a nickel... On the same street, Turk selling "pure" candy from pushcart with unpretentious front and germ of street... On Grand street, a stall of brilliant silks of all the colors of the rainbow... Boy of six watching wire of eight whip rope. She goes 21 times without a miss. Mignard, you're getting good in your old age," he remarks... Hangly boy from uptown slumping and holding clothes rack about her that which he'll not be contaminated by the dirty rable... "Wide knees," a dirty old beggar who sleeps in the foyer of a movie theater at night... Two rabble boys with hair-cut red beads... In Division street

Rowell's Comment By CHESTER H. ROWELL THE trouble in France is just plain lying and cowardice—the common faults of cheap politics everywhere.

The facts in regard to the French situation have been plain enough for years. The political leaders knew them, but they were afraid to tell them to the people. These politicians did not dare collect a normal fraction of the cost of the war out of current revenues as it went along. They borrowed it all on the promise that the Germans would pay for it. After the war, they did the same thing with restoration expenses.

They were not even included in the budget as charges against the revenues or credit of France. Then, when collapse threatened and was only prevented by the acceptance of the Dawes plan, they still delayed telling the French people that the solvency of France depended on the payment of taxes so high that no French government could levy them and live.

The price of truth, in France, is the personal self-sacrifice of his office by the politician who tells it. Each one has waited for experience to reveal it instead.

Now it has come. The French people now know that there is no such thing as a victorious war. The successful and the defeated are alike.

A THOUGHT Whose keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.—Prov. 21:33. Speak little and well. If you wish to be considered as possessing merit.—From the French.

several clothes lines from tenement windows tied to ties of elevated railway... East Broadway, the "Yiddish Park Row" all the Yiddish appears in New York being published in one block... A block or two north of "Yiddish Park Row" on East Broadway, fine old houses, homes of the East Side's aristocracy... Across from the newspapers a little playground so packed with kids and their mothers there is hardly room to toss a ball... A little girl of 12 trying to buy a two-cent apple for one cent, and succeeding... In front of one of those retail clothing stores just north of Manhattan bridge, a spotter grabs a passerby and tries to drag him into the store. The passerby hits the fellow in the stomach and walks away in great rage... In the front lobby of another store young fellow offering \$15 for suit priced at twenty-five... On Cherry street a curtained gambling point with a hard-faced lookout in the doorway... Three truck drivers climb down to the street and argue heatedly over a cross-word puzzle... Through a passage off Doyers street into a rear area. There a lodging house where a clean bed still can be had for ten cents a night... On the lower Bowery, seedy and vicious looking men going in and out of pawn shops... A man on the curb auctioning a diamond. The bidders do not utter a sound, but make signs easily interpreted by the auctioneer... The restaurant where night workers on morning papers used to go, where Bill McGeehan, sport writer, used to listen to Izzy Kaplan analyze baseball and racing events and then chronicle the news in Izzy's own peculiar jargon... A new courthouse going up north of City Hall. Labor affairs connected with it helped to put Brindel in jail. A dummy affair. Almost any county seat boasts a more imposing edifice. It is only about a fourth the size of the magnificent courthouse in Cincinnati... Cops patrolling Mott street in pairs... A view of the Woolworth tower through an arch of the Municipal building, one of the most inspiring sights of the city.

how is it to be made effective without the co-operation of the press?—which isn't all of it likely to be willing to co-operate. In war-time it could be done, of course. Even in peacetime it can be done in some old world countries, where militarism has a tighter grip than here. But in the United States, except when war is on, if the newspapers can get details and pictures, unless new laws are passed, no means exists of preventing their publication. And a battleship, for instance, can't very well be bombed in an enclosed space, from which reports and photographers can be excluded.

This question came up in connection with the sinking of the Washington. It was going to be secret, Commander Halsey Powell of "navy press relations" announced. "Suppose," suggested one of the newspaper men, "a press photographer goes up in a private plane and takes his own pictures. Would you shoot him down?" "Oh, my no," Commander Powell exclaimed. "We couldn't do that." "Then how'd you stop him?" "I never thought of that," the commander confessed. "I'm blessed if I know."

Anybody who thinks, just because he's economical, that President Coolidge is shabby, too, makes a big mistake. He's one of the best dressed men in Washington. He wears a top and working down, he has a spike-tail evening suit, a tuxedo, a Prince Albert and a cutaway with two pairs of pearl-grap pants, a riding suit, a knicker outfit and seven sack suits. Also many hats, including a shiny plug. Also numerous kinds of shoes and a pair of spats. And the president never appears otherwise than immaculately brushed and creased. His suits cost, on an average, \$125 apiece.

SOME people save up for a rainy day. Others just figure that when it does come they'll borrow an umbrella.

We don't know how March will go out. If it came in like a bill collector.

Summer comes in like a dish of ice cream and goes out like a cup of hot coffee.

You might say March comes in like an ice man and goes out like a furnace.

Congress has adjourned. Cuss its work if you please. We are saving our cuss words for when the fish won't bite.

Stenographer is going to marry a South Dakota senator. And yet they ask, "Should a girl work?"

Indiana mavor arrested for bootlegging. West Virginia feller arrested for bootlegging. Wonder why?

Another income tax cut is proposed. If they put it over we'll start predicting the end of the world again.

A whistling contest was held in Chicago recently. Its winner should have been given a small town post-office.

A great gang of German reds jailed probably feel blue now.

25 Years Ago (From The Guard April 21, 1900) Prof. F. L. Washington received a pair of Belgian hare from Los Angeles, Cal. The raising of hares is all the go in southern California.

"Uncle Bill" Curvin, the oldest settler of this end of the valley, died at his home near Cottage Grove last evening. He came to this place in 1831, and has resided here ever since. "Uncle Bill" has been an honored citizen and his word was always as good as his note. He was born in 1819.

into the air was loosened from the boiler today.

The clouds and the sunshine divide the time pretty evenly now.

Laugh—that's what you'll do if you go to hear Governor Taylor—and the world laughs with you. Weep—and you will—touched with Governor's pathos. No southerner of today can play on the heart strings of the people as can Governor Bob Taylor of Tennessee, who speaks here this week.

R. M. Veach, nominee for senator on the citizen's ticket, was in Eugene today from his home in Cottage Grove was in town today.

The ladies of the H. A. L. are giving a masque party next Monday evening.

Robberies Admitted By House-Breaker PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—Wounded by a shot in the leg when he attempted to escape from two policemen, who reported they had caught him in the act of trying to break into a house Sunday, Alexander Gerlich, 25, admitted, police said today, that he had committed more than 35 robberies in the north-west section of the city. He denied, however, that he had perpetrated robberies which were attributed to a robber who used an inch and a quarter Jimmy. Officers said loot taken by Gerlich was not of the class stolen by "Inch and a Quarter Jimmy."

Second Fire of Season Reported PORTLAND, Ore., April 21.—The second fire of the season on government forest lands in the Oregon-Washington district, and the first trespass case, has been reported by the forest service. The first occurred last week on the Naches water shed in the Rainier National forest, the result of brush burning on dry cut-over land in logging operations of the Yakima Sash and Box company. About 25 acres were covered.

MANY TO GRADUATE MOSCOW, Idaho, April 21.—Bachelor degrees will be conferred upon 199 University of Idaho seniors at the commencement exercises on June 1, this year, an increase of 18 over last year, it was announced at the university. The college of letters and science leads with 48 and the school of education is second with 45 graduates.

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