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EVERYONE CAN HELP

Coquille, like thousands of other towns and cities in the United States, is starting a campaign for unemployment relief which, if wholeheartedly supported by those able to help, will do much to hasten the return of a more normal condition.

"Better Homes Week" has been a national institution for several years. This year it can mean more than ever before. And no one is entirely helpless. Even a dollar or two spent in necessary repair or beautifying of the home and surroundings will help swell the total.

Rochester, N. Y., where the idea of pledging something for constructive building and improvement, as a means of unemployment relief, raised \$6,000,000 to be spent within two months. Portland, in the same kind of a campaign, started out to raise five million dollars, and nearly doubled that amount; Marshfield is starting a drive of this kind.

Mrs. W. S. Sickels, chairman of the Coquille campaign, appointed by President Hoover, has secured the help of service clubs and civic organizations, and these committees will shortly make a house to house campaign to secure pledges that the amount the householder names will be spent on house or yard within 60 days. No one should refuse compliance. Even an exchange of work should be listed; it will help increase the amount pledged. Anything that can and will be done by the one making the pledge, counts. Painting, lawn seeding, house cleaning, even washing windows can be listed, and there are a lot more items listed on the questionnaire which will be distributed to every house in Coquille and its environs in a few days.

Let's all help make this the biggest civic undertaking ever accomplished in Coquille.

WOULD TAX STOCK SALES

In connection with the pending tax bill in which so many persons are interested, Senator Steiwer, of Oregon, has launched a movement which may result in a tax upon stock exchange transactions.

The banking and currency committee, of which Senator Steiwer is a member, is making preparations to investigate the New York Stock Exchange. At Senator Steiwer's request the committee has agreed to make a report upon the plan to tax all the securities bought or sold upon the exchange.

"Such a levy would yield many millions of dollars annually," Senator Steiwer stated. "I strongly favor this tax, together with a material increase in the inheritance tax and the income tax in the higher brackets."

Many persons in Oregon have requested the senator to work and vote against the proposed tax on theatre admissions. In response to these messages he has reiterated his opposition to a theatre tax and other taxes which place the burden directly on the shoulders of the people least able to bear it."

A Washington magazine, The Pathfinder, has been carrying on a presidential poll in all states of the Union asking for votes on eighteen presidential possibilities including seven Republicans, ten Democrats and one Socialist. The votes for the Republicans show the following: Hoover, 63,513; Borah, 3,042; Coolidge, 1,470; Johnson, 1,465; Dawes, 1,104; Pinchot, 851; and Norris, 739. On the Democratic side, Franklin Roosevelt leads the column by an impressive margin, but it is interesting to observe that Speaker Garner comes second on the list. Here is the Democratic vote: Roosevelt, 30,822; Garner, 10,410; Smith, 8,247; Murray, 7,076; Ritchie, 1,967; Baker, 1,841; Reed, 399; Young, 306; Robinson, 270; and McAdoo, 264.

Spring weather in Coos county is like James Russell Lowell's poem about a June day: "Then if ever come perfect days." And where could a more perfect day be found than yesterday and the day before? March's exit last night was extremely lamb-

like, but it roared like a lion through a goodly portion of the 31 days. Our rainfall of 56 inches since Sept. 1, is nearly ten more than that of the two preceding years and will possibly reach, by July 1, the 66 inch average.

The dairyman, rancher and the town resident are all agreed that a month of fine growing weather is just what is needed to help bring relief. We have no fault to find with the Oregon rains, they are necessary; but a month's breathing spell would be most acceptable just now.

A good joke was sprung recently by a man who appeared before the grand jury as a witness against a man who passed N. S. F. checks. The culprit was convicted and received a penitentiary sentence, but the witness was paid for his time with Coos county N. S. F. paper which he couldn't cash except at a big discount! The only difference is that the county's paper will be good some time, in the sweet bye and bye, while the forger's never could be.

Three cent postage for first class mail will bring forcibly to mind that we are still paying war expenses, and that rate was one of the war-time expenses. One thing about it, the increase will hit everyone, and the bigger the business the more of an increase will be paid.



With the dead lines for filings of primary candidates less than a week away the anti-Holman forces in the republican party are still beating the political brush in their efforts to scare up a candidate to oppose the present incumbent for the position of state treasurer.

At this stage of the game Ben W. Olcott, of Portland, former governor and state treasurer, looks like the best bet of the anti-Holman faction, although to date, in spite of the pressure which is known to have been brought on him, he has withheld his "yes" to the proposal to oppose Holman. Olcott, it is said, still has the proposal under consideration and may yet enter the primary race.

Mark McCallister, former corporation commissioner, who once announced his intention of seeking the treasury job, has definitely relinquished that ambition and P. J. Stadelman, of The Dalles, who was prominently mentioned" as a possible candidate has eliminated himself from further consideration by filing as a candidate for the senatorship from Hood River and Wasco counties. Irl McSherry, private secretary to former Governor Pierce, has let it be known that he is in a highly receptive mood but so far does not appear to have received sufficient encouragement to justify him in taking the plunge and W. I. Staley, prominent Salem business man, has admitted that he has "been approached" on the subject and is seriously considering the possibility of yielding to the call.

Just what part the state administration will take in the primary battle for the treasury post, if any, in the event of an anti-Holman candidate is problematical. While Holman was appointed to his present job by Governor Meier and so far has stood squarely with the governor in his every move so far close observers here have detected the beginning of a breach in this harmonious affiliation which can be expected to flare forth into open warfare at any time. Holman has long since forsworn any friendliness for Henry Hanzen, political advisor to the governor, and since Hanzen is known to be anything but an admirer of Holman's, it is entirely probable that the administration will assume a hands-off attitude in the primary fight and let the rival candidates fight it out on their respective merits.

Whether the republicans succeed in bringing out a candidate in opposition to Holman it is fairly certain that the Democrats will have a candidate for the treasury job in the November election in the person of Henry Crawford, Salem banker and former member of the state fair board, who is expected to file his formal declaration this week.

Property owners in Coos county will contribute \$159,286.98 less toward the cost of government this year than they did last year when they paid in a total of \$1,735,958.72 in taxes for all purposes—state, county, school and road district, etc., according to figures compiled by the state tax commission.

For the state as a whole the reduction in the tax load borne by the property owner this year as compared with last amounts to \$7,243,429.57. Elimination of the state tax alone accounts for \$4,592,627.91 of this reduction. The remaining \$2,651,801.66 was pared off of tax levies for roads, schools and other purposes under the control of the local units.

Heralded by the state tax commission as a "saving" the reduction in property taxes represents rather a shifting of the burden to other shoulders and the elimination of public services hitherto regarded as essential if somewhat expensive.

In the case of the state's contribution toward the property tax relief program approximately \$1,225,000 was wiped out through the repeal of the market road tax. Another \$625,000 was eliminated through the temporary waiver of the one-half mill tax for the soldier's bonus commission. Elimination of the remainder of the levy against property for state purposes was made possible through the re-enactment of the intangibles tax act with its higher date, increase in the rate in the excise tax and the surplus in the revenue from their indirect taxes for 1931 over the estimates.

More than one-half the reduction in local levies comes out of road taxes which have been reduced from \$5,736,234.34 in 1931 to \$3,139,769.86 in 1932. County levies for market road purposes alone were reduced by more than \$570,000. Special road levies have been reduced by approximately \$550,000 and \$447,000 has been cut off levies for general road purposes.

All of this, of course, means a curtailment not only in the state highway program by reason of the reduced revenue, but a curtailment in county and district road programs as well with the county courts clamoring for a bigger slice of the state highway funds; to make up for the deficit in their tax revenues.

Another indication of the determination of the taxpayers to reduce taxes is seen in the reduction of levies for school purposes by \$580,896 practically all of which comes out of special school levies under the direct control of the tax payers and which will be passed on in the form of reduced salaries for teachers, fewer teachers and other economies in the maintenance of the public school system of the state.

Officials of the Oregon Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis placed their "okeh" on the new hospital building at the state tuberculosis hospital on a visit here this week. The building is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy within a short time. The Portland "Hoot Owls" who have supplied radio head phones for all of the patients in the open air pavilions at the institution will provide additional equipment for the new building as soon as it is ready.

R. A. Easton's Weekly Letter
I heard a minister quote from Lowell's poem, "The Present Crisis," the words: "Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne." He distorted the language meaning of the verse from which he took the words. It did not sound good to me. For there is no shadow of doubt in my mind but that the Almighty rules and that truth is never totally dethroned.

The verse before the one from which the quotation was taken reads thus:
"Backward look across the ages and the beacon moments see,
That like peaks of some sunk continent jut through Oblivion's sea;
Not an ear in court or market for the low foreboding cry
Of those Crises, God's stern winnowers, from whose feet earth's chaff must fly;
Never shows the choice momentous till the judgment hath passed by."

Then comes the verse from which the preacher took the quotation:
"Careless seems the great Avenger;
history's pages but record
One death-grapple in the darkness
'twixt old systems and the word;
Truth forever on the scaffold, Wrong forever on the throne,—
Yet that scaffold awaits the future,
and behind the dim unknown,
Standeth God within the shadow,
keeping watch above his own."

We are face to face with "The Present Crisis" now. The one of which Lowell wrote in 1844 was human slavery. The one we face today is crime slavery. The crime of making light of law and order, whether it is the sneaking habit of a killer of game out of season, or as the purchaser of the stuff of the moonshiner and bootlegger, or as a conniver with the racketeer in his criminal occupations.

This Present Crisis is like "The Present Crisis" of slave days of which Lowell wrote. Slavery was a political and moral question. As a political question it was whether the nation could exist half slave, half free. As a moral question it conceived the equal rights of man.

This Present Crisis hinges on whether this nation can exist half criminal, half law-abiding; whether it can exist half drunk in mind and disposition and half sober. Slavery was abolished in spite of copperheads and all their kind. Slavery lost its foothold. There is no question in my mind that if the so-called respectable citizens who have shouted and lived so loudly against prohibition had shouted and lived for prohibition, it would be a success. The next ten years will see a more universal shouting and living for prohibition. "Stand-

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with God within the shadow, keeping watch above his own."

R. A. Easton.

Another big consignment of Oregon money is on its way to take care of interest and principal payments on high-way bonds which are due on April 1. The current interest payment alone amounts to \$674,867.22

with another \$987,500 being applied toward the retirement of bond principal.

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H. A. Young, Editor.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 21st day of March, 1932, J. J. Stanley, Notary Public for Oregon. My commission expires Dec. 4, 1935.

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