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FINANCIAL HOCUS-POCUS

(from the New York Times)

During the first four months of the current fiscal year the government of the United States has collected \$215,000,000 in social security taxes. If anybody imagines that this money has been set aside under lock and key, in a special reserve fund which will accumulate interest over a period of years and enable the government ultimately to pay the benefits which the Social Security Act requires, his faith is based upon a misconception of facts.

The \$215,000,000 has all been spent, for a variety of purposes, perhaps to help build Grand Coulee dam, perhaps to finance WPA projects in street-paving, perhaps to pay the salaries of officers in the navy—no one knows precisely, since the dollars that come into the Treasury are not so earmarked that they can be identified when they go out again. As for the reserve fund which is supposed to supply the money needed in future years for the payment of benefits under the Social Security Act, it consists at present only of Government I. Q. U.'s.

Certain conclusions are inescapable. One is the fact that what the government has actually done has been to invent a new kind of corporation tax and a new kind of personal income tax, applied in the case of individuals even to the smallest incomes. Equally clear is the fact that this system is a constant beguiling temptation to governmental extravagance.

PRESS COMMENTS ON IT

The Black-Connelly Wage and Hour Bill, passed by the senate during the last session of congress, and to be taken up by the house during the special session, has drawn the following editorial comment from the nation's press:

"The possibilities of abuse in this scheme are plain. It provides a precedent for wage fixing by government which can be used to force them up. It invites wage determination for political ends, with resultant interruption of industrial operations and discouragement to enterprise."—The Chicago Daily Tribune.

"It is the kind of thing that will not stand close and continued study."—The Kansas City Times.

"The problem is a practical one of economics, not an emotional one of Fascism versus democracy."—The Cincinnati Enquirer.

"It creates, in short, a system of regimentation for American industry, creates a new and burdensome bureaucratic load for the taxpayers and creates a board which would hold autocratic power over every type of business in every section of the land."—The Atlanta Constitution.



Common carriers operating in Oregon must serve union and non-union patrons alike, Utilities Commissioner N. G. Wallace ruled in an order this week requiring two truck lines to deliver freight to a Salem restaurant which was being picketed by the Culinary Workers union.

Drivers for the truck lines had refused to pass the picket lines of the affiliate union. Commissioner Wallace declared that the carriers had no right to recognize picket lines where no strike or riot conditions existed and the safety of the driver had not been menaced.

The order of the utilities commissioner is expected to have far-reaching results and probably to result in a "showdown" as between the forces of organized labor and constituted authority in Oregon.

While Governor Martin refused to comment on the order or to indicate what his attitude might be in the event the carriers refuse to obey the utility commissioner's order, he has often expressed the opinion that all men should be protected in their right to work and that he stood ready to throw the entire forces of the state back on any attempt to preserve law and order.

Unless the Culinary Workers union lifts its ban as applied to delivery of freight a fight to the finish between the state as represented by its duly elected and appointed officials and organized labor is predicted.

The latest in old age pension proposals comes from Elbert Eastman, Portland attorney, who is sponsoring a measure designated as the "Citizens' Retirement Annuity Bill." Under its terms all Oregon residents over the age of 65 years would be paid annuities up to a maximum of \$100 a month, all of which must be expended. The annuity or pension would be financed by a two per cent transactions tax. Any surplus after paying the annuities would go into the Irreducible School fund.

A Hudson sedan owned by H. L. McCabe, of Portland, will bear license No. 1 during 1938. McCabe's name was the first one picked at the annual drawing for low numbers conducted in the automobile registration department Friday. Other Oregon motorists to draw low numbers include the following: Frank H. Smith, Corvallis, 7; Merrill M., and Mal B. Oveson, Moro, 8; Reuben Scouton, Oregon City, 10; M. J. Abbott, Forest Grove, 11; C. R. Sprague, Marshfield, 14; Elfrede G. Zutz, The Dalles, 24; Cora M. Ross, Marshfield, 27; Mrs. G. F. Anderson, Marshfield, 57; O. L. Wellman, Mount Angel, 81; Margaret V. Miller, Hood River, 92.

The State Forestry board has approved plans for the purchase of five acres of land near the state highway shops, just east of Salem and the construction of a building for use as headquarters for the forestry department. The building, a WPA project, will cost \$30,100 with the forestry department supplying the materials and WPA the labor.

Because of curtailment of federal grants to the states, Oregon's 1938 highway program will of necessity be materially reduced below that of the current year, according to R. H. Baldock, state highway engineer. Much federal match money will also be lost to Oregon because of lack of state funds available for new construction, Baldock said. Baldock

estimates that only \$5,000,000 will be available for new highway work in Oregon next year including federal aid projects.

Fears that the opposition of eastern congressmen might deprive Oregon of many of its CCC camps are entertained by J. W. Ferguson, state forester. Eastern congressmen, Ferguson explained, object to sending boys from their state into the west. There are now approximately 1800 CCC boys in CCC camps under state supervision in Oregon, many of the units coming from eastern and southern states.

George Dunford, 69, for 22 years superintendent of the state capitol building and grounds, died Saturday night following a major operation. As the man largely responsible for the creature comforts of state officials and employees Dunford had an extensive personal acquaintance with past and present public officials in all sections of the state.

Inmates of all state institutions will fare well this Thanksgiving. Special dinners will be served at most of the institutions. More than two tons of turkey alone, exclusive of other meats, will be required to feed the inmates and employees of the ten institutions. A ton of candies and nuts and 50 crates of oranges will also be served.

Oregon's new capitol will be ready for occupancy by August 1, according to Whitehouse & Church, architects in charge of the construction. The main building is now entirely enclosed and work is progressing rapidly on the tower and the interior finishing.

Admitting that the jury system as practiced in this country is inefficient and wasteful, Hall S. Luak, associate justice of the state supreme court, told the Salem chamber of commerce this week that these defects were only a part of the price that must be paid for the maintenance of democratic institutions. For the most part, Justice Luak declared, juries are honest and fairly intelligent, and purchased verdicts are very rare.

Secretary of State Earl Snell has a new horse, but he can't ride it. The new acquisition to his souvenir collection is a miniature cow pony, fully equipped with saddle, bridle and hackamore carved out of ponderosa pine by William Waters, old-time resident of the Fossil section.

Arrests and convictions of drunken drivers is on the increase throughout Oregon. October set a new high record for this activity with 177 operators' licenses revoked or suspended for reckless or drunken driving.

Contract for the lethal gas chamber which is to replace the gallows at the state prison, has been let to a Denver firm. Construction of the new death chamber, which was authorized by the last legislature will cost approximately \$1800.

S. P. the Third Largest

A full page water color painting of an Oregon lumbering scene and a large painting of a farm scene in the Willamette valley are included in the illustrations used with a story on the Southern Pacific Company which is the feature article in the November issue of Fortune magazine. The story was written by members of the Fortune staff and the paintings were made by Mitchell Jamison, a young artist from Washington, D. C., who spent several weeks in Oregon during the summer while on a picture-making tour of Southern Pacific lines from New Orleans to Portland.

The story reveals the fact that the Southern Pacific Company is the third largest industrial corporation in the nation, exceeded only by the A. T. & T. and the Pennsylvania railroad, that it is the nation's only transcontinental railroad, has 80,000 employees, 16,000 miles of track, and a \$14,000,000 annual tax disbursement. In revenues it is the third ranking railroad in the United States, exceeded only by two eastern lines which operate in much more populous territory.

Dad's Day at U. of O.

An intimate glimpse into campus life as it really is, without the glamor of such collegiate things as big-time football games and their attendant rallies, will be accorded fathers of University of Oregon students December 3, 4, and 5, when the eleventh annual "Dad's Day" week-end will be held.

Not another major event other than those directly relating to "Dad's Day" will be on the program for the three days, and in addition, special affairs have been planned so that the fathers will depart for home with a real knowledge of what the campus is and how the students live, it is pointed out.

IN THE WAKE OF FLOOD



This scene was enacted many times in refugee centers established by the Red Cross during the Ohio-Mississippi Valley flood. Inevitably floods bring the danger of disease as drinking sources become contaminated and large groups of people are thrown together. The medical-health service of the Red Cross serves thousands each year, and is maintained by membership funds contributed to the organization at the time of its annual Roll Call from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving.

Oregon Voter Comment On Coquille Situation

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all its modernity and orderly efficiency, reveals an operation of outstanding proportions, comparable with the largest of Portland's industries.

Who is right in the controversy between A. F. of L. and C. I. O. is a subject of bitter contention between the partisans of the two lumber factions. Among the majority of the workers and the community, the really paramount issue is that of trying to protect the employment itself from utter destruction in the bitterness of labor warfare. The dread that pervades the employer and the community is that the plant may have to be shut down in full even as is the lumber industry of Portland. While to all appearances this dire prospect seemed unlikely, in view of the kind of business done in specialties and the markets that had been developed, yet the success of the A. F. of L. boycott of C. I. O. lumber from Portland is a success that has been well advertised locally in Coquille and is a source of real worry lest A. F. of L. can carry into effect a similar boycott of C. I. O. specialty stock.

Locally in Coquille there is little sympathy with the C. I. O. adherents, who now are in a minority. At the time the A. F. of L. plywood local voted to change to C. I. O., the majority, or a large number, of the employees supported the C. I. O. proposal. It was upon more mature consideration to what might happen to their employment under an A. F. of L. boycott, and because of mistrust of the C. I. O. leaders who are the same leaders who formerly got them into A. F. of L., that the majority of the employees decided that it would be far wiser to stay with A. F. of L.

C. I. O. members, or their remnant of bitter-enders, are desperate in Coquille as they are in Portland, although in Coquille they now are a small minority. They feel that they have the right with them under the Wagner Act, in that they exercised their own choice in an orderly manner and selected C. I. O. as their bargaining agency. They ascribe the weaning away of their original supposed majority to unfair tactics of A. F. of L. under encouragement by their employers. They have brought charges before the federal labor board and have instigated the picketing at Marshfield, picketing which furnished the excuse to Harry Bridges to localize his Longshoremen's war at that city under the closed port. So, as a secondary result of the Coquille conflict, Marshfield is closed as a water outlet to its great sawmills, and the industry at North Bend along with Marshfield must close if its outlet is closed. In the main the North Bend and Marshfield mills are A. F. of L., and the two communities are organized under a Central Labor Council that is potent locally—potent in control if not in creating and providing employment.

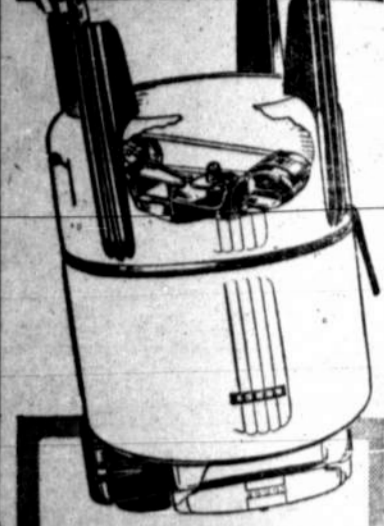
C. I. O. in Coquille, supported by labor and employer interests in Coos Bay, put up a proposition to A. F. of L. that on its face was fair and won much support in suffering Marshfield. A. F. of L. local would not accept it, as its acceptance involved their members working along with the leaders who originally got

the workers into A. F. of L. and then got so many of them to desert A. F. of L. and go C. I. O. The bitterness between these leaders and the rank and file of the workers who feel they were misled is a bitterness that spells trouble, in or out of employment. The community of Coquille and the working workers are so concerned over the situation that they are backing the A. F. of L. prostration, which in effect means that the C. I. O. leaders (ex A. F. of L.) will have to leave Coquille to find employment. This is a tough sentence, but the sentiment of the community is clearly that these leaders have brought it on themselves. Unfortunately they have a considerable group of C. I. O. followers who are equally sincere, men and women who hate to give up what they regard as their right to choose their own bargaining agency. These followers will have to abandon their leaders if they obtain employment at the great mill, for under the closed shop contract only the workers may be employed who are members of A. F. of L. The verdict is cruel; it abases and degrades those who feel they have to submit to it in order to feed their families, but it is a logical, probably inevitable, result of the Wagner act.

Amend Wagner Act
The conflict with its train of misunderstanding, dispute, bitterness and conflict, and its threat to disorder and destruction of employment and industry, emphasizes the necessity for amendment of the Wagner act. No emergency confronts congress that is more pressing. The method of administration of the act is consistent with the spirit of the act, and probably cannot be reformed under this administration unless the act itself is amended. One amendment needed is one which will prohibit unfair labor practices by employees and unions as well as by employers. The A. F. of L. primarily has been guilty of grossly unfair labor practices and C. I. O. has followed its example. Also, the closed shop provision should be amended out of the act. The closed shop is incompatible with liberty. Carried to full effect it means that no American boy or girl may earn a living unless he or she signs up as a member of a union with which an employer has a closed shop contract.

Bad weather contributed to nearly 6000 automobile accidents in Oregon last fall, more than half the autumn total. Greater skill and caution are needed now than at any other time of year, Secretary of State Snell says. He also adds that fatality records in his office prove that many drivers meet death when their attention wanders toward the scenery or other objects off the highway. "Keep Your Eyes on the Road" was one of the maxims of a Georgia motorist who recently completed his millionth accidentless mile.

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Names Oddities at O. S. C.

The annual search for most common and peculiar names among the 4068 students at Oregon State college has revealed that the Johnsons nosed out the Smiths this year 47 to 46, while the Jones' with only 12 trailed the Browns with 14 for third honors. Budding journalists, found in the new student directory plenty of material for puns with such names to work with as Smart, Savage, Darling, Lovin, Sly, Joy, Bold, Strong and Fretwell.

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