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The Enterprise sees no objection to a law prohibiting the issuance of tax-exempt bonds, for it would put the burden of public works on the taxpayer, as now, only in a new form as regards interest on debt. We should then pay the full interest on our bonds, instead of placing them at a lower rate and remitting enough taxes to balance the difference. But we have no patience with the guff that is being peddled about tax-exempt bonds attracting money away from productive industry. What becomes of that money after it is paid for tax-exempt bonds?

Congressman Hawley has secured the appropriation to dredge the Siuslaw to a depth of twelve feet from Cushman down and thereafter maintain that depth.

Senators McNary and Stanfield have promised to try to amend the bill giving United States government relief to starving German children so as to include near east suffers in the benefaction.

It has been announced that Senator McNary would stick to his work in Washington this summer and not come home and boost his campaign for re-election. It is claimed in his favor that in federal appropriations and authorizations for the development of Oregon's resources and industries during the seven years that he has been in the United States senate, \$32,024,387 has been gained largely through his perseverance and influence by virtue of his powerful positions upon major committees of the senate, his standing with the administration and the leaders in constructive legislation; and, by reason of this prestige, he is in position to secure even greater service for Oregon in the future.

Two-thirds of Japan is forest, estimated to contain half as much timber as the whole United States. Japan has been practicing forestry for 400 years and is buying lumber in this country, while growing it at home for future use.

State Income Tax

The following appeared in last Sunday's Portland Journal:

C. C. Chapman, Portland, Or.—
Dear Sir: Your letter received, asking for a contribution to help repeal the state income tax law, and I wish to assure you that I will do all I can legitimately to defeat your purpose.

If I had believed the state income tax law was detrimental to Oregon or any taxpayer I would not have worked last fall to have the bill sustained by the voters, after it had been passed by the legislature, and afterwards referred to the people by a little handful of tax-dodgers who contributed \$26,000 to defeat the bill, and the Oregon Voter, of which you are the publisher, drew from the said fund \$1130, yet I find no record of where you contributed one cent.

Do you believe it is a detriment to Oregon to have people come here to buy property and then refuse to buy when they find out how high the taxes are? Is it any worse to have a man who is paying no taxes put his bonds in his trunk and move across the line?

Farmers and other property owners are being sold out every day for taxes. Oregon will not be prosperous as long as farming is in the condition it is now, and the farmers and property owners must be relieved of some of the burdens of taxation.

I am with you in any campaign to make Oregon prosperous, but the repeal of the income tax law will not do it.

Too many property owners have found out that their state taxes are lower this year to be fooled by any bugaboo of driving capital out of the state. California raises all state taxes by a gross tax on corporations, and Washington is to vote on an income tax this year, so where is the poor tax-dodger to go?

GEORGE PALMITER,
State Grange Master.

A total of 21,578 cash bonuses authorized by the world war veterans' state aid commission had been paid up to March 31.

Miss Clarice Gourley returned Tuesday from a visit to Albany.

Teachers' Institute

The outstanding feature at the teachers' institute Saturday was a talk by Prof. J. B. Horner of the history department of O. A. C.

He said that nature had left records buried in earth and rock which we are able at this late date to exhume and decipher, and that some of these records antedate anything in any other part of the world. Petrifications which have evidently been hidden for many thousands of years show that this region was occupied by human beings of high intelligence, and, wonderful to tell, these humans were cotemporaneous with the elephant, the rhinoceros, the saber-toothed tiger and many other species who have, like men of that time, long been extinct. When Europe was but a scattering of islands, the present mountain tops, the northern portion of this continent was hoary with age. Instead of this being the "new world," it is the oldest land known. Every animal known in the world has at some time been at home in Oregon.

Earlier races of men and animals passed away so long ago that the American Indians had not even the slightest traditions regarding their existence.

W. L. Jackson of the Albany Democrat, formerly county school superintendent, gave a talk setting forth the opportunities which the teachers of the state enjoy and exercise for leaving the imprint of their work upon the future manhood and womanhood of the state.

The occasion was a literary treat, but the most emphatic applause of the audience greeted the efforts of the Harrisburg school board of six wind and two stringed instruments, with Miss Sibyl Gilbert at the piano. Miss Helen Weber is the band leader.

L. E. Arnold, the Lebanon poultryman, has added electric brooders for 8000 chicks to his plant this season. He hatches 25,000 this year and keeps 5,000, some of which we are counting before they are hatched.

H. P. Willis, S. P. station agent and telegrapher on the morning shift, welcomed his wife and five children on the arrival of an early train yesterday morning. He is looking for a residence.