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MORE PERMANENT TAXES

Excessive tax rates defeat their own purpose. They result in driving capital into tax-free securities, and in slowing down business. When the rates are reduced the anticipation of reduction stimulates industry, and brings larger amounts of income into the field for taxation, says a Missouri exchange.

The returns under the new income tax law are running true to form. With the high surtaxes cut in two, the collections for the first quarter of 1926 are running close to those of the first quarter of last year. The outcome indicates a larger fund available for active business, and a stimulation of industry that should contribute to maintaining wages and to greater general prosperity.

It is essential that local taxing bodies, including state governments, adopt scientific policies for tax relief. Possibly in some instances local taxes cannot be reduced, but the people and officials can refuse proposals demanding unnecessary expenditures which pile up a permanent and increasing tax overhead. New laws, new boards, new bureaus and new government functions all mean new and added taxes.

The Commerce Commission tells the railroads that they may build 430 miles of road in Central Oregon and Northern California, conditionally. The Southern Pacific is advised to let the Oregon Trunk use a portion of the Natron cutoff, before it can acquire other privileges. The Oregon trunk may build from Bend south to a connection with the Natron cut-off. The Central Pacific receives outright permission to build a line 36 miles long from a point two miles south of Klamath Falls. The Oregon, California & Eastern proposes to build three branches, one from Sprague river 63 miles to Silver Lake. Thus the Southern Pacific is forced to pull the cork from the Central Oregon bottle she has held so long.

In an editorial, "Too Many at the Crib," the National Farm News of Washington, D. C. cites that in New Jersey last summer truck farmers were compelled to sell their sweet corn at a half cent an ear, and that the same corn was sold in New York city, just fifty miles from where it was grown, for 75 cents per dozen; that the price jumped from one-half cent per ear to six and one-fourth cents in this fifty-mile joy ride. Commenting on this the State Market Agent says that selling organizations will not get very far with perishable stuff until they get together with those at the other end—the consumer—and arrange to take products direct from the growers to the retailers.

In comparison with the proposal to make it compulsory for all automobile owners to carry state insurance, the application of liability insurance to car drivers, would seem to force greater care on the part of the driver. Is it not possible that with compulsory state insurance back of the automobile owner, he would have a tendency to drift toward a certain amount of mental immunity and freedom from personal liability, whereas if possibility of his becoming a defendant in criminal action, for negligence or carelessness, would doubtless have a more salutary effect.

One of the principal decorations on Oregon's official ballot this fall, will be two state income tax bills. Another measure on the ballot that may fairly be designated as a "tax raiser" is the old age pension bill, pension to be determined by another commission.

This week, the last of the school year, holds much in store for anticipated pleasure of the lad who will go barefooted next week. To the sixteen graduates the week means practically the parting of the ways; the

Already having an exceptional lamb crop, Oregon sheepmen expect a heavier wool clip than usual. "Everything comes to him who waits," in this instance seems to apply to the flockmaster.

The natural instinct of a bird is to fly; so it is but a matter of natural consequence that Commander Byrd should accomplish the feat of flying to the north pole and back again, safely.

America leads at the north pole, as well as elsewhere, with Norway in second place, and Italy third. Here is the lineup: Pearey, Byrd, Ellsworth, Amundsen, Nobile. The

four latter paid a visit to the pole this week via air routes, accomplishing in a few hours what it cost Pearey over eight months of untold hardships to do.

Already personages of national note, are writing into headquarters their reasons for not being able to attend the Pendleton Round-Up this year.

The mission of the average candidate is to capture your vote, and your mission on election day is to determine which candidate you should cast your ballot for.

Why not bank on just one more good rain before the usual dry spell comes along—Weston picnic dates are June 4 and 5.

With safety razors selling at 15 cents per, even the barber is blessing Dame Fashion for having okeyed the bobbed hair habit.

The report comes from Bend that the cackling hens of Deschutes county have laid a carload of eggs for shipment to New York City, direct.

Best to enjoy the locust blossoms while we may, and not think of the litter that will follow in their wake.

Mussolini to the rest of the world: "Read 'em and weep."

laying aside of school days to face the stern battle of life.

Common Word "Fiasco"

Borrowed From Italy
The word "fiasco" has become current coin in English speech, though it is doubtful if many who use it know that it is an Italian word meaning bottle. Several accounts have been given of why an immediate failure is called a bottle. A correspondent of "Notes and Queries" wrote in 1863: "Some years since, Signor V. Pistrucel, professor of Italian at King's college, gave me the following derivation. A gentleman visiting an Italian glass manufactory was struck with the apparent simplicity of the work, so he asked permission to try his hand at glass blowing, but found the operation more difficult than it looked and the only thing he was able to produce was the common flask (fiasco). The amused workmen crowded around him, and greeted each successive failure with laughter and the cry of 'Altro fiasco!' (Another fiasco)." (Another fiasco.)

SOME PRINCIPALS AND TEACHERS ORGANIZED IN CAMPAIGN TO CONTROL EDUCATION THRU STATE SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE

Attempt to control education in Oregon by a loosely organized, but far-reaching political machine, was revealed Monday by an investigation conducted by a News reporter. The machine, which has introduced political propaganda into the city's public schools, has for its primary object the defeat of W. C. Alderson as state school superintendent, and control of that office thru a man of the machine's own choosing.

Principals and teachers have been organized, to an unknown extent, political subjects have been discussed with school children, and political propaganda spread among them. Numerous complaints from teachers and parents sent the News reporter out on the machine's trail.

The machine is out to beat Alderson in any way possible. The only objection to the candidate is that he is a "politician." This is the only outspoken objection, but underneath, the machine is out to "get" Alderson because he refused to "play ball" with it or submit to its dictations.

Propaganda on Teacher's Desk
Teachers upon entering their rooms have found opposition propaganda, petitions and other such political material on their desks. Many of these teachers signed the petitions and distributed the propaganda because they were advised that their positions were "political" and unless they "played ball" trouble would ensue.

School supply houses have been approached by machine solicitors seeking campaign funds in behalf of the school machine candidate. **Engraver's Agent is Machine Worker**
One of the most active supporters of the school machine candidate is a traveling agent for a Portland engraving company which manufactures cuts to be used in illustrating high school annuals.

Frantic letters have been sent out by the machine committee soliciting the endorsements of business men for their candidate.

Alderson has consistently defeated the school machine candidates and it is partly due to his success in the past to do so that the machine is making such an effort during the present campaign to defeat him.—Portland News, May 11, 1926. Paid Advertisement)

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Notice is hereby given that on Saturday the 15th day of May, 1926, at 2:00 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the Wright Livery Stable in Athena, Oregon, I will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash in hand, the following described property, to-wit:

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