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PROPERTY TAX MENACE

Another menace to property tax payers of Oregon is just now in the offing. Reference is made to the proposed cut of automobile license fee to \$3. Without an offset somewhere to make up the loss which the universal cut to \$3 would entail, the thousands of automobile owners would be driving their cars at the expense of the already overburdened property tax payers, or else highway construction and maintenance would of necessity have to be curtailed to the point of ultimate ruin. Property is now taxed in Oregon beyond its limit, and yet the deficit is growing by leaps and bounds. It is entirely out of the question to expect property tax to assume any part of the expense of road building, and the following from the Portland Journal conclusively shows what a mess the proposed \$3 license fee would stir up:

Denunciation of the proposal to cut the automobile license fee to \$3 was made by Governor Patterson, highway commissioners and others at most points along the way in the recent highway inspection trip, and everywhere the exhortations met with universal approval.

Here are facts that were brought out by the speakers:

That the net income to the state commission from the gasoline tax is \$3,400,000 a year, and from the license fee \$4,600,000. The reduction to \$3 would cut \$3,900,000 from the total license fee and leave the total revenue for the highway fund only \$4,100,000.

Against this \$4,100,000 would be the following necessary expenditures:

1—Cost of maintenance, \$1,750,000 per year, which would have to be expended or the investment in the highways would be totally lost through deterioration.

2—A fixed charge against the highway fund of \$1,774,118 per year for payment of interest on outstanding bonds.

3—Expenditure in retiring maturing bonds of \$1,975,000 per year which must continue through four years.

These three items of maintenance, interest and sinking fund make a total of \$5,478,282, to which must be added the cost of administration, or about \$150,000 a year.

4—Oregon must match the road fund that comes to the state from the federal government, or there will be no federal aid. The federal aid averages about \$1,300,000 a year.

That is to say, if we should cut the license fee to \$3 we would, as a result, have only about \$4,100,000 total revenue with which to meet an annual requirement of about \$7,000,000, the matching of the federal annual allowance included.

Governor Patterson pointed out that, if the license fee is cut to \$3, the ultimate task of retiring the \$40,000,000 in bonds will fall upon general property, that the legislature would be compelled to levy taxes to meet the requirement, and that the 6 per cent limitation amendment would not stand in the way.

Members of the highway commission pointed out at the many public meetings on the inspection trip that all construction work would have to stop, and that all plans for new construction work would have to be abandoned the moment the initiative petitions for the license cut were filed.

NEW FRONTIERS FOR PIONEERS

The San Francisco Chronicle hears the complaint that modern industrial organization and the disappearance of the frontiers is destroying opportunities for individual independence. Big business grows bigger. The good free land is gone. The Klondikes have been discovered and skimmed of their cream. The telephone, telegraph, automobile, radio, airplane—all these have been invented. And so we have a melancholy picture of a generation of young Alexanders sighing because there are no more worlds to conquer. But is it true that opportunity is gone and the pioneer is being crowded to the wall? Each age has its own peculiar needs and sets up its own frontiers for pioneers to pierce. The more humanity gets the more it needs, and now as in the past those who supply those needs will lack no recognition. The fortunes we consider stupendous are puny beside those that will be created in time to come by genius and industry. There is not lack of opportunity, but instead, so many chances that we cannot see the forest because the trees are in the way.

Alberta claims the largest herd of buffalo extant. The final shipment of 218 buffalo left the Wainwright Park recently, making a total of

1948 animals to be moved to their new northern home this season. Owing to the rapid increase in the number of buffalo in the park at Wainwright, shipments to the north in three years have totalled 5,585 head, and of this number only six failed to stand the long trip by rail and water to their new domain.

With the largest embarkation of any one ship since the war, set for last Thursday when 1750 American tourists boarded the Leviathan for home, and 1200 more booked to go aboard at Southampton, it looks as though France was fast getting rid of its American population. But then 30,000 Legionnaires are scheduled to partake of French hospitality for a few weeks, so proprietors of cafes and the "extreme left" will continue in business as usual.

A statistician finds that Leadville, Colorado, has produced \$435,248,814 in metals, from 1859 to 1926; and a new revival is said to be under way that may equal or pass the old figures. Butte, Montana, has produced even more, from a smaller territory. Other western states have added proportionate amounts of mineral wealth to the nation's resources.

Soviet Russia is a long way from being motorized. Twenty-six cars, carrying the first shipment of 4000 Canadian horses purchased by Russia in Alberta, recently left Calgary. Maybe the average Bolshevik considers it safer to feed fodder than gasoline.

Famous Brigade That Served "Lost Cause"

Two reasons are given for the naming of the Orphan brigade of the Confederate army. Kentucky tried to be neutral when the Civil war broke out, but neutrality was violated and many Kentuckians decided to fight for the South. The famous Camp Boone was formed near the Kentucky line, a few miles north of Clarksville, Tenn. Fifty companies from 84 counties in Kentucky enlisted. These composed the larger part of the First Kentucky, better known as the Orphan brigade.

One of the reasons why this command was called the Orphan brigade was because so many commanders were lost, either by reason of promotion or by death on the battlefield, says a contributor to the Pathfinder Magazine. Another is that the members were away from Kentucky during nearly all the time of their service and so cut off from communication with friends or family.

Injurious Insects Carried by Motorists

Washington, D. C.—The American motorist has something else to worry about. His automobile is a potential carrier of insects. "Unquestionably," federal scientists say, "many European corn borers came from Canada by motor. Other pests, buzzing about quarantined areas, have fallen into passing automobiles and have been transported miles away to propagate their breed."

All Candidates Must Be Dry. Minneapolis, Minn.—Support of only those candidates "who are the undoubted friends of prohibition" is pledged by the National Women's Christian Temperance union in its platform adopted at the annual convention here.

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GOOD CANDY

There is no candy that brings more joy than the old-fashioned molasses which we all pull in the kitchen.

Velvet Molasses Candy.—Take one cupful of molasses, three cupfuls of sugar, one cupful of boiling water and three tablespoonfuls of vinegar; when boiling add one-fourth teaspoonful of cream of tartar. Boil until, when tried in cold water, the mixture becomes brittle. Stir constantly during the last part of the cooking. When nearly done add one-half cupful of melted butter and one-fourth teaspoonful of soda. Pour into a baking pan well buttered and pull when cool enough. While pulling add any flavoring desired.

Maple Sugar Candy.—Break one pound of soft maple sugar into pieces, put into a saucepan with three-fourths of a cupful of thin cream, one-fourth cupful of boiling water. Bring to the boiling point and boil until a soft ball is formed when tried in cold water. Remove from the fire, beat until creamy, add two-thirds of a cupful of walnut meats and pour into a buttered tin. Cool slightly, then mark off into squares.

Cnociate Caramels.—Put two and one-half tablespoonfuls of butter into a kettle; when well melted add two cupfuls of molasses, one cupful of brown sugar and one-half cupful of milk. Stir until the sugar is dissolved, and when the boiling point is reached add three squares of chocolate, stirring constantly until the chocolate is melted. Boil until, when tried in cold water, a firm ball may be formed in the fingers. Add a teaspoonful of vanilla just after taking from the fire. Turn into a buttered pan to cool and mark off into squares.

Peanut Nougat.—Shell and remove brown skins from one quart of peanuts, sprinkle with salt. Put one pound of sugar in a smooth pan on the range and stir until completely melted, stirring constantly; add the peanuts and pour into a buttered pan; mark off into squares.

Nellie Maxwell

The Churches

Church of Christ
We invite you to attend the Bible school at 10 a. m. Two years ago our attendance went well over the 100 mark. This year should see even a larger growth. Subject Sunday morning "Victory Through Prayer."
DWIGHT L. HACKETT, Pastor.

Baptist Church
Sunday school at 9:45 A. M. Morning worship at 11:00 A. M. A Labor Day Discourse. Young Peoples Service at 6:30 P. M. Song and Praise service at 7:30 P. M. Evening topic, "Logos" the Word. Young Peoples Prayer service every Tuesday evening at 7:30 P. M. Mid-week service every Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. This is the time of year to boost for all services, especially the Sunday school and Young Peoples services. With the first of September we change to our winter schedule all evening services one half hour earlier.

REV. BOLLINGER, Pastor.

BOND REDEMPTION NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that School District No. 29 Umatilla county, Oregon, will exercise its option to redeem the following described outstanding bonds of said district:

Bonds numbered 1 to 5 inclusive, \$500.00 each, issued October 1, 1915, due October 1, 1935, optional October 1, 1925, bearing interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum. The above described bonds will be paid on presentation at the office of County Treasurer of Umatilla county, on or after October 1, 1927. Interest will cease October 1, 1927. Dated September 1, 1927.

BETTYE F. DeHART,
Treasurer of Umatilla County,
Pendleton, Oregon.

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of James Potts, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final report with the clerk of the above entitled court, and that the judge thereof has designated Saturday, October 1, 1927, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, as the time, and the county court room in the county court house at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place when and where the hearing thereon shall be had; and all persons interested are required to then and there appear, and show cause, if any they have, why the report should not be approved and the executor discharged.

Done and dated at Athena, Oregon, this 1st day of September, 1927.

RETTA M. POTTS, Administratrix.
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