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THE TAX PROPOSALS

Out of this Carlin tax commission work all we can see is the proposal for an income tax with property offset to realize one million dollars. The rest of the plans submitted look to us just like so much matured bunk. Its boasted \$5,600,000 cut in taxes is a jolly good coat of camouflage. Said cut is nothing more than abolition of the two-mill tax for elementary schools, which represents \$2,400,000 of the "cut." Inasmuch as the elementary schools will have to be provided for—millage tax or no—it's easy to see with the millage abolished, the overtaxed tangible property would have to carry the burden, and besides, the schools would be thrown back into the throes of logrolling legislation, from where they were rescued by the millage tax. Then there is the proposed scuttling of the one-mill levy which supports the state market roads, giving another \$1,200,000 "cut" but which in reality means that the only real sensible part of the highway system, so far as concerns the average farmer, is to be abolished and the only beneficiary resulting from the abolishment of the present market road program seems to be the city of Portland and Multnomah county, which in justice should pay toward market road construction, along with other counties of the state. Abolishment of the market road millage tax would mean that if any market roads were built, the county would have to build them. The plan of the committee to "cut" another million by requiring counties to use their share of the gas tax money to retire bonds rests solely on theory, for it is possible for a gas tax to be repealed at any time. The whole story reads like \$1,000,000 can be raised by income tax with property offset, and if any more is to be raised let it rest on the property that is now paying the taxes and always has paid the taxes.

WOMEN TAKE TO ARMS

We read that in this day of organized and wide spread crime the problem of protecting the home from the burglar and the thug has become one of outstanding magnitude. Almost daily the world is horrified and startled by the activities of homicidal maniacs and degenerates, who butcher women and children. The newspapers also carry countless reports of less dramatic but equally menacing happenings; sneak thieves terrorizing women and robbing them, burglars gaining admittance to unprotected homes during the day, when the men of the family are not present.

To meet this need for home protection an ever-increasing number of women are learning to handle and operate small arms. Portland, Oregon, has a Woman's Revolver Club made up of mothers and wives who have gained an expertness in marksmanship that is possessed by few men. Mrs. Edna Christofferson, head of this club and an internationally known revolver shot and winner of many important trophies, had made the pertinent statement that: "A pistol, and a knowledge of its operation, is the best possible means of home protection for a woman."—Manufacturer.

CHARGING ALL TO FUTURE

The question of taxation is outstanding among present day problems. It is a rare community that is without indebtedness, and to a greater or lesser extent, a tax burden, observes an exchange.

Investigation shows that communities which have the largest bonded indebtedness and the highest tax rates are not usually the most prosperous. "Improvements" and government ventures which are made without sound economic foresight are doomed to become expensive failures. It is easy to vote bond issues. The rub comes when they have to be paid in the tax bills.

We will have general tax reduction when communities learn the difference between improvement and extravagance and prefer to "pay more as they go" instead of "charging it all to the future."

The Jugo-Slavian constitution has been suspended and decrees of King Alexander are now in order. Three races of people under one constitution banner proved to be unwieldy factors when it came to governing the country through a mixed parliament.

The success of co-operative dairy associations, which in 1927 transacted a volume of business which totaled \$620,000,000, with a membership of 600,000, may or may not be an incentive for co-operative marketing of wheat.

A trade journal pauses long enough to remark that there seems little excuse for fear of paralysis in industries, and "upset in finances or an explosion in foreign affairs." Well then, let's continue to saw wood.

Not so long ago we got Missouri mules from Missouri in carload lots. Now we're shipping the mules back to Missouri in carload lots. The "cat" is responsible for the direction the mule is going nowadays.

Astoria is a going town and is modest in laying claim to fifty-four manufacturing plants, with an annual payroll of \$3,231,886. And besides, they catch salmon down there, too.

There's no question about it; the mark established by the heavier than air machine topples over all records of endurance heretofore established in aeronautics.

A short cut sometimes proves to be rougher than the long way 'round, and yet most everybody is willing to take a chance on a stumble or two.

When Modest Man Had Right to "Limelight"

Brown is a very rich man, but his name is never mentioned in connection with the various banks, factories and other enterprises in which he is interested.

He writes books on economic subjects, and magazine articles on industrial problems, but he never signs them.

He never grants an interview. He avoids photographers. He refuses to speak in public.

He is the anonymous donor of vast sums to charity. There was but one occasion when he willingly allowed reporters and photographers to approach him. He posed in several positions while the cameras caught him from all angles. He read a prepared statement to the reporters. What's more, he cautioned them to spell his name correctly. He had just won the deciding match for the prize offered by his club to players with a handicap of thirty or over.—Los Angeles Times.

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NOTICE OF GUARDIAN'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Guardianship of the Person and Estate of Mary Emma Price, a minor. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: That pursuant to an order of the County Court of Umatilla County, State of Oregon, duly made and entered in the above entitled cause, a license duly and regularly issued out of said court on the 31st day of December, 1928, under the hand of the clerk and the seal of said court, licensing and authorizing the undersigned, as guardian of the person and estate of Mary Emma Price, a minor, to sell, for cash, at private sale, for the best price obtainable, all the right, title and interest of the above named minor of, in and to the real property hereinafter described, and to invest the funds arising from said sale in some good interest bearing securities or upon mortgages upon real property; that before fixing on the time or place of sale I took the oath required by law and gave the additional bond required by said court. Now therefore, I will, as such guardian, from and after the 9th day of February, 1929, sell at private sale, for cash, at the best price obtainable all the right, title and interest of said minor in and to the said real property, to wit:

A one-fourth undivided interest in and to the South Half of the Northwest Quarter and Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter and the Northeast Quarter of Section Six (6), in Township One (1), South Range Thirty-two (32), E. W. M., and the South Half of the Northeast Quarter of Section Six (6), in Township One (1), South Range Thirty-two (32), E. W. M., in Umatilla County, Oregon, subject to the dower interest of Harriet A. Price, widow of Roy J. Price, deceased.

A one-half undivided interest in and to the North Half of the Southeast Quarter and East Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Thirty-one (31), Township One (1), North Range Thirty-two (32), E. W. M., in Umatilla County, Oregon, subject to the dower interest of Harriet A. Price, widow of Roy J. Price, deceased.

The South Half of the Southwest Quarter of Section Five (5), and the South Half of the Southeast Quarter of Section Six (6), Township One (1), South Range Thirty-two (32), E. W. M., in Umatilla County, Oregon, subject to the dower interest of Harriet A. Price, widow of Roy J. Price, deceased.

HARRIET A. PRICE, Guardian of the Person and Estate of Mary Emma Price, a minor. Peterson & Lewis, Attorneys for Guardian. Jan. 11, 1929, Feb. 1, 1929

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