INCOME TAX TO WAIT 3 MONTHS

Intangibles a Factor in the Delay—Bill Provides for Election.

Portland.—Robert C. Notson, writing in the Oregonian says delay probably three months in the issuance of the banks for the state income tax, approved by the voters last November, will result from the passage of the new state intangibles income tax at the session of the legislature just closed.

This fact came to light when Charles V. Galloway, chairman of the state tax commission, stated that he and his colleagues on the commission had determined virtually on the postponement of the tax payment period. He indicated that the blanks could not be issued before the middle of June. By that time the intangibles tax will become effective—unless the referendum is invoked—and the interlocking features of the two measures can be satisfactorily adjusted.

Puzzled taxpayers who are now engaged in working out the details of their federal income tax returns may, therefore, breathe easier for the time being and enjoy the temporary respite from the payment of either the state income or intangibles income taxes.

The delay in the issuance of the blanks is directly due to the administrative dilemma in which the tax commission now finds itself. The income tax, having been voted by the people, is now in effect, but to proceed with collections under it with the knowledge that the intangibles tax on 1930 intangible incomes would later become effective would be to invite confusion and choas in the payments under the two laws.

The intangibles tax law provides for a special election in event that the referendum is invoked against the measure so that the matter may be settled at once without upsetting the finances of the state.

It is the plan of the commission either to include the two taxes on one blank or to print two separate blanks but inclose them in the same envelope to avoid duplication of effort and to get away from the bad psychological reaction of two forms being received by the same taxpayer. The tax commission is privileged to postpone the issuance of the blanks at their discretion.

The income tax provides exemptions for single persons up to $1500 and for married persons up to $2500 income. The tax is graduated above the exemptions. The rate is 1 per cent on the first thousand, 2 per cent on the second thousand, 3 per cent on the third thousand, 4 per cent on the fourth thousand and 5 per cent on all income above that point.

The intangibles tax applies to the interest and dividends derived from intangible properties. Full deductions are allowed for interest paid, provided such deduction is not claimed under the excise tax law or the personal income tax law. The exemptions provided are $500 of income from intangibles for a single person and $800 for a married person. The exemptions fade out as the income of the individual increases. The rate of tax is 8 per cent.

A Mother and Three Children Die as Home Burns in Grants Pass

A young mother and her three small children were burned to death when their home was destroyed by fire at Grants Pass, Friday.

The dead: Mrs. Alice Groat, 24; Billy, 5; Jack, 3, and Dorothy, less than two months old.

The fire in the Groat home was first noticed by Mrs. Henry Pollard, a neighbor, who was attracted to the scene by the screams of the mother.

Pushing her way through the smoke and heat, Mrs. Pollard tried to remove a window screen, but the flames forced her back.

Mrs. Groat, apparently overcome by smoke and heat, stumbled back to the bed upon which her babies lay. The position of the children indicated they had not awakened.

George Caven, father of the dead woman, started a fire in the range before leaving for work that morning, and the stove is believed to have become overheated. Mrs. Groat's husband was working in another section of the county.

Mrs. Groat is said to have lived at Fossil, Wheeler county, before her marriage. The family came there only recently. The grandfather came from Wasco county.

Strict Sanitation Urged in Hog Worm Problem

Oregon State College.—Sanitation as a means of prevention is the best method of controlling the worm problem which is causing so much loss to hog raisers in many parts of Oregon, H. A. Lindgren, livestock specialist of Oregon State college, told a group of 60 farmers who met on the campus last week for annual pig feeders' day.

Using clean farrowing pens, having the sow thoroughly washed before farrowing and putting her and her litter on clean pasture are some of the most important helps toward preventing an infestation of intestinal round worms, Lindgren said. Very little can be done in the way of cure once the pigs are infested, he explained, and if the pigs do not die, at least their development will be retarded six to eight weeks.

Detailed methods of sanitation in the hog lot, and directions for administering worm repellants where necessary may be obtained from county agents or direct from the college, Mr. Lingren said.

LEGGE'S PLACE IS GIVEN TO STONE

Chairman Legge Resigns to Return to Harvester Company.

Washington,—Chairman Alexander Legge of the farm board resigned Friday to go back to making harvesters.

"I have used every pressure I could exert to get him to stay, but his private affairs needed him," said President Hoover, announcing acceptance of the resignation.

Legge, a man of 65, left his job a few minutes before the announcement was made at the White House. He was on the way to Chicago Friday night, presumably to resume his $100,000 a year post as president of the International Harvester company.

James C. Stone, Lexington, Ky., vice chairman of the board, was appointed chairman. He is a well known leader in farm co-operative work.

C. C. Teague of California was named vice chairman.

Legge said he has been trying to quit for eight months, having accepted the job for one year only.

As a parting suggestion Legge urged that in the future more attention be paid to children.

"It does not matter much what becomes of us old fellows," he said. "The problem of the future must be met by the coming generation."

Samuel R. McKelvie, wheat member, and C. C. Teague, fruit and nut member, are expected to follow Legge into retirement about June 1, McKelvie's term will have expired then, while Teague is anxious to get back to the California Walnut Growers exchange and California Fruit Growers association, of both of which he is president.

Legge has served as chairman of the farm board since the board's creation July 1, 1929. He was persuaded by President Hoover to relinquish the presidency of the International Harvester company to take the post.

New to politics and government red tape, Legge was lost for a while after he came here two years ago. But his independence and outspokenness have won over many an enemy he once had on Capitol Hill.

Appearing before congressional committees, he always spoke his mind frankly, regardless of the results and consequently was often misinterpreted and misunderstood. His most recent controversy with congress was over his remarks before the senate agriculture committee at which he was quoted by some senators as saying the board purposely was depressing cotton and wheat prices to increase consumption and absorb over-production.

A Carryover Similar to Last Year Is Seen For the Coast Section This Year

"Under the new plan considerable wheat from the Pacific northwest has been moved through mills and exporters and I feel that by August 1 we will be down to a carry over, on the coast, not exceeding the carry over last year," said H. W. Collins in a statement to the East Oregonian. He says that the carryover last year was not troublesome in the way of congesting the terminals and that the normal carryover in the Pacific northwest is around 10 million bushels, though it was heavier last year.

Here is something else to which Mr. Collins calls attention. Plowing in the best wheat land sections of the northwest was started three weeks earlier than usual this year, which shows the moisture condition. The wheat looks well at present but there has been no snow during the winter and it will take exactly the right amount of rain during the spring if there is to be a good crop. In the light land sections there is much dust at present and reports from some sections show that spring seeding conditions are unfavorable. There are reports from Chicago that the recent snow in the midwest is not going to make up for the moisture shortage in that region. The snowfall came rather late.

As to wheat exports, Mr. Collins says the movement from the coast is chiefly to the Orient and the wheat is sold through Japanese firms. However, some wheat has been moved to Europe by exporters. The biggest bar to the Oriental business at present is the Australian wheat. In making sales to Europe the grain corporation is under the necessity of protecting exports from the gulf district, therefore prices on the coast cannot be made as low as some exporters desire.

In a letter to Mr. Collins, following his withdrawal from farm board membership Alexander Legge, former chairman of the board says:

"It is my judgment we have turned the corner or at least have reached the bottom of the present depression and it is reasonable to expect some improveemnt from this time on."

The Public Domain for States Is Recommended

Less only areas needed for specific federal activities, the presidential commission appointed at Washington to study land questions has recommended that the entire public domain be turned over to the states.

The group, headed by James R. Garfield, former secretary of the interior, made its recommendation after months of study of policy to govern disposal of the remaining public land. Areas needed for national defense, parks and forests, reclamation projects, reservoirs and bird and game refuges alone would be reserved under federal control.

Even mineral rights would go to the states under the plan, whenever the commonwealths have subscribed to uniform federal laws on mineral resource conservation. Within the states now having these laws federal control would remain.

The entire public domain now amounts to little more than ten per cent of the original area owned by the United States. Generally unadapted to homesteading, the remaining area totals 178,979,446:

Because of the unsuitability of this land to occupation—attested the committee found, by deserted tracts, ruined fences and abandoned homes—the recommendation was made that the federal government cease "to be a party to the inducement" of more settlers on it.

Huskies Win the Title From California Bears

The Pacific Coast conference basketball championship was brought to the Pacific Northwest Monday night for the first time since 1923, when the University of Washington Huskies conquered the University of California Bears, 42 to 30 in a speedy thundering deciding battle of a three game playoff.

Whirlwind passing, fancy shooting, and rough checking predominated the play of both teams with Washington having just a little edge in gathering baskets in the second period, after the Californians had come from behind to tie the count at 20-all at the rest period.

The second half saw a determined northern Husky drive down under the California basket time and again for sensational one-handed shots that sent the 8,000 fans into a frenzy.

John Fuller, big sophomore forward of the Washington combination gave the Huskies life at the start of the second period when he bagged a field goal and a free throw and the Northerners ran away with the game in spite of frequent substitutions by Nibs Price, Bear coach.

Turkey Shipment Returns

Final returns on the turkey shipments of January by the Eastern Oregon Turkey Growers at Hermiston have been received. The January shipment consisting of 2484 birds, 56 per cent No. 1, brought the growers $11,360. Prices secured on this shipment were as follows: prime young toms, 35c, prime young hens, 33c, choice young toms, 32½c, choice young and old hens, 32c, medium young toms and hens 27 cents.

High School Notes

Coach Gives Call for Spring Sports

"Coach" Miller will call the boys out for track and baseball next week and expects good material in both. The baseball team looks forward to much success with the same boys as last year. Several boys have been turning out for track during the past week and will show good competition in the track meet which will be held next month.

Baseball Prospects Good

The baseball season is here along with the spring weather and for a while there will be many sore hands and arms. The gloves and bats are coming out of the closet and practice will start in a week or so.

Athena has a very good looking group in prospect to pick a team from this year, and we all feel that the baseball season will start with a bang.

Junior Class Holds Meeting

The Junior class held a meeting Thursday to make plans for the Junior-Senior banquet. The treasurer gave a report on how much money was at present in the bank in the junior's name, which was $45.09. They decided to sell candy at the vodvil to raise as much as they could. Marjorie Douglas, Mildred Hansell and George Pittman were appointed to go to Walla Walla and see about the rates for the banquet. More plans will be made later.

Athena Defeated by Mac-Hi

The Athena quintet was defeated by the Pioneers on the Mac Hi floor by a score of 20 to 43. The boys played hard and it was very exciting in the first quarter, but Milton gained the lead and kept it for the rest of the game. This was the last game of the season for the Athena boys. Arthur Crowley was high point man, making seven points.

The lineup was as follows: center, Huffman; forwards, Crowley and Jenkins; guards, Rogers and Hansell; substitutes, Jenkins, Weber and Pickett.

Personals

Mary Tompkins shopped in Walla Walla Saturday.

Marjorie Douglas and Mildred Hansell were in Walla Walla Saturday.

Several Athena High school students attended the tournament at Mac Hi Friday and Saturday.

Bernice Wilson, Marjorie Montague, Dorothy Burke and Harold Kirk were in Pendleton Saturday night

Esther Berlin spent the week-end in Roslyn, Washington, visiting her sister who teaches in Roslyn high school.

Adams Community Club

The Adams Ladies Community Club met Thursday afternoon of last week. Hostesses for the afternoon were Mrs. Lizzie DesVoignes and Mrs. Margaret Bunch. Mrs. Dora Wallan was in charge of the afternoons program consisting of a very clever contest in which Alice Lieuallen, club president won first prize and Margaret Bunch consolation. Interesting answers were given in the roll call response to "What the home may do to help the school." Mrs. J. T. Lieuallen, Sr., of Portland was a guest. Members enjoying the afternoon were: Alice Lieuallen, Dora Wallan, Fave Mann, Edith Kirby, Grace McIntyre, Mrs. J. Spencer, Lela Kennedy, Janey Baker, Agnes Baker, Ann Christian and May Zimmerdahl. The next regular meeting will be held March 19th with Jancey Baker and Winnie McKenzie as hostesses and Grace McIntyre in charge of the program. Subjects for roll call, annual flowers best adapted to our community.

Conviction Is Confirmed

The "profane language" conviction of Robert G. Duncan, free-speaking radio campaigner of Portland, was affirmed by the United States circuit court at SanFrancisco. The decision means Duncan must serve six months imprisonment and pay a fine of $500 for the "strong language" he used in his broadcasts.

Horse Malady Strikes

A fatal and contagious disease known as dourine has been found among horses in the alkali community of Lake county, according to information received at Bend, and a federal veterinarian, Dr. R. Parsons, has ordered a round-up of range animals at the Gap ranch to determine whether animals in that section are diseased. All diseased horses are to be ordered slaughtered.

Walla Walla Vegetables

Walla Walla vegetable growers expect to profit from the early markets this year. A mild winter has permitted them to advance their growing operations several weeks. Spinach has been shipped out in carload lots for several weeks, while lettuce plants, onion sets and other vegetables are being set outside now, and more tender products developed in hothouses.

Three Eagle Scouts

One of the largest Boy Scout troops in Oregon is that of Freewater, Oregon, of which H. O. Mansfield, manager there for the Tum-a-Lum Lumber company, has been scoutmaster for 12 years. The troop has 60 members, including Mr. Mansfield's three sons, all of whom have attained the highest rank—Eagle Scout.

Funds Run Low

The Pendleton unit of the Salvation Army is without a cent in the treasury following an extensive feeding campaign for the jobless. Envoy and Mrs. Morris, in charge of the Pendleton unit, have been feeding two meals daily, and plan to keep it up so long as donations for their soup kitchens come in.