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TRANSACTION TAX BILL

Among the bills on the ballot
for the November vote is a two
per cent transaction tax which says
that the payment shall be made
"for each and every transfer of
money or property and rendition
of performance of service."

The money is sent by the collector
to the state treasurer whose
office handles the funds. Excep-
tion is made for those who collect
less than a dollar a month.

Every citizen over 65 who had
lived in Oregon seven years would
be eligible to receive an annuity
under this act if he or she is en-
gaged in no gainful pursuit. No
sum is set for the monthly pay-
ments but the money is to be pro-
rated among those eligible.

Transactions is defined to in-
clude nearly any transfer of mon-
ey or property. It is not difficult
for any one to figure his tax un-
der this bill. If, for instance he
sells \$5000 worth of wheat, a few
steers, some eggs, a couple of
porkers, a few old sacks, a beef
hide, trades drills with a neigh-
bor, exchanges seed wheat or sells
a milk cow all he has to do is to
figure up two percent of the gross
cash value thereof and send the
sum to the state treasurer.

Penalties are a fine of \$500 or
imprisonment for not more than
a year for first offense and fines
of as much as \$5000 and impris-
onment up to five years for sub-
sequent offenses. In addition there
are civil penalties of twice the
amount of the tax for evasion or
refusal to pay.

Oregon has time and again re-
fused to vote favorably on a retail
sales tax for any purpose. This
measure would raise many times
the revenue of a sales tax for
there are no exemptions of any
kind of goods and several trans-
actions are made before a retail
sale is completed.

It is not likely that the bill will
carry. While the desire of the
public to make pensions available
to those who need them has been
increased because of the organiza-
tion of the elders, it may be
doubted if enough voters will wish
to levy this sort of a tax for the
enlargement of pensions.

If it eventually becomes neces-
sary to vote a sales or transaction
tax it should be done nationally
so that producers in any one state
will not be handicapped by it.

ICKES AND THE VOTERS

From observations made here-
abouts it is not likely that the re-
cent tirades of one Harold Ickes
will have a great deal of effect on
the November vote for Oregon po-
litical candidates. Acting, pre-
sumably, on the advice of those
Democrats who wished him to keep
still, he did not mention Mr. Hees,
but did speak scornfully of Mr.
Sprague.

Mr. Sprague, held Mr. Ickes,
could not be progressive in ideas
and conservative in finances, as his
cards profess. Apparently one
must progress financially as well
as in other ways to satisfy the
secretary of the interior. He must
view with considerable pleasure
the progress the United States has
made into debt and feel that it was
necessary to evidence the proper
progressive spirit—without which
all things are as the mold on fish.

Perhaps, some day, we will come
to the realization that Mr. Ickes
is merely a disgruntled old reformer
who can no longer like the
world or the people in it because
they do not think as he does.
Maybe, even, many people think
that now.

HOLMAN AND MAHONEY

In the senatorial race in Oregon
this year two candidates with very
opposite characteristics are before
the people. On the democratic
side is Willis Mahoney, a person-
able young man with as fine ability
to talk as can be found in the
state. He makes good impressions

because of this ability and his good
looks. The Republican candidate
is Rufus Holman, who is neither
so good looking or so accomplished
a talker.

The difference between the two
men go farther. When background
is considered the comparison is all
in favor of Mr. Holman. Since he
was elected to his first public office
he has administered his offices in
a manner so creditable that there
has been no lasting criticism of
him or his conduct.

If voters are swayed merely by
surface appearance Mr. Mahoney
will get the call but if they prefer
the more solid virtues they must
look beneath the comparatively
rough exterior of Mr. Holman to
find them.

A GOOD BILL

More concern is manifested over
that part of the marriage license
examination bill having to do with
the prevention of marriage for
those having social diseases than
with the restrictions on the unit-
ing of those mentally unfit, which
is perhaps the most important
feature of the bill.

The bill does not permit the is-
suanace of a marriage license to
those having epilepsy, feeblemind-
ness, insanity, drug addicts or
chronic alcoholism in addition to
restriction marriage of those with
social diseases. Many of the Scan-
dianavian countries, notable Swed-
en, have made much more progress
in eradicating these diseases than
has the United States. There is
now an active campaign against
them and bills similar to this one
have been passed in several states.
Competent doctors claim the dis-
eases can be cured if sufficient care
is exercised and if so, it would be
a boon to the human race.

Officials of the insane asylums
can give the histories of families
in Oregon with descendants in
nearly every institution from the
feeble minded home to the peni-
tentiary; families with two-thirds
of them in some state institution
because of mental incapacity of
some sort. This bill will prevent,
to some extent at least, the mar-
riage of persons of this type.
From that standpoint it will be
helpful because of improved soci-
ety and from lowered state ex-
penses.

Governor Murphy, recently called
Communist by the Dies commit-
tee, is thought to be a prospect
for the presidency in 1940. It is
doubtful if the designation by the
committee will be of help although
it is hard to tell what might hap-
pen by 1940.

Ten more days till election. Then
what will we talk about?

This is no time for anyone to tell
the Oregon football team that
travel is good for one.

In Other Days

From the Observer Oct. 29, 1909

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. C. G.
Huls, October 23rd, a son.

I. D. Pike and family and Mr.
and Mrs. Don Wheat made the
round trip to Chenoweth, below The
Dalles Sunday in Mr. Pike's auto.

Fred Messinger has as fine ap-
ples at his Sherman county high
land orchard near Skunkine, as any
one can wish for.

A new Columbia river steamboat
will be built this winter to take
the name and the run of The Dalles
City.

From the Observer Oct. 29, 1919

Rob't Urquhart and R. T. Mor-
gan have each bought a section of
land in the Bickleton district back
of Roosevelt. Mr. Morgan expects
to move to his farm soon.

R. S. Goff reports the sale of
two Fordsons tractors this week
to J. C. Wilson and Hans Koepke
of Kent. Another carload is ex-
pected soon.

At a meeting of the executive
committee of Sherman county
schools it was voted that girls
rules be adopted for all games of
girls' basket ball in this county.

Mrs. Margaret Clark, teacher in
the Biggs school, has installed a
gas stove and is serving hot lunches
to the children.

From the Observer, Oct. 25, 1939

Grass Valley gives a Grand
Mask Ball Thanksgiving.

Earl Sanders has resumed his
studies at the State University
which he left eighteen months ago
to enlist in the Oregon regiment.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Walton ac-
companied by Mrs. W's mother
visited The Dalles last week. Fred
took part of a load of his 34 cent
wheat with him for which he re-
ceived 49 cents.

Mays & Crowe were selling gang
plows, 14 inch for \$52.05 and 3 1-2
Rushford wagons for \$69.

Mrs. Filloen has opened up a
book store in part of the hardware
store and has on display the best
authors and the latest books.
"David Harum" and "Richard
Carvel" will be in a short time.

ZIPPER HOT DOGS



This demonstration of the new hot
dog with a "presto and it's off coat"
was made at a recent convention of
butchers in Milwaukee, Wis. The
new type of wienie has a perforated
casing which operates on the princi-
ple of a zipper.

Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one)
to visit this state upon the occa-
sion of their tour of Canada next
summer. The invitation bore not
only the great seal of the state of
Oregon, but the seals of Portland
and the Portland chamber of Com-
merce and the signatures of Gov-
ernor Martin, Mayor Joseph K.
Carson and Leslie M. Scott, presi-
dent of the Portland chamber.

Both Court street and Summer
street in front of the new capitol
are now open to traffic after being
closed for several weeks while un-
dergoing reconstruction.

The state prison underwent its
annual inspection at the hands of
the Marion county grand jury this
week. No report has yet been
made on the jury's findings at the
institution.

Patrons of the Mountain States
Power company in the Willamette
valley will save in excess of \$46,000
a year as the result of a new
and reduced tariff filed by the
company with the public utilities
commission at Salem this week.
Savings to individuals users, num-
bering some 3400, are estimated at
\$40,000 a year under the new sched-
ule while municipalities will save
something like \$6300 a year on
their light and power bills. The
company serves a number of com-
munities in Polk, Linn, Lane, Mar-
ion and Benton counties.

Construction work has already
been started on the new central
heating plant which will serve all
of the state buildings in the capitol
group. The plant, to be lo-
cated approximately three blocks east
and south of the present heating
plant, will cost \$101,250 in addi-
tion to the \$10,500 paid for the
site.

Major General George A. White,
adjutant general in charge of Ore-
gon's military department, now
owns one of the most elaborately
furnished private offices in the
capitol group. General White bid
in the furnishings of the govern-
or's office when these were dis-
carded for the new equipment pur-
chased by the capitol reconstruc-
tion commission. The long table
formerly used by the Board of
Control now does duty in the office
of Chas. P. Pray, head of the state
police bureau.

Four car loads of paper went
into the printing of the 525,000
official pamphlets which have been
sent out to the voters of Oregon
the past few weeks. The pamph-
lets were unusually large this
year, some of them containing 100
pages while the smaller ones con-
tained 76 pages.

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Advertisement for Charles A. Rice, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Republican Nominee. Includes text: "The best in education for Oregon's children with equal opportunities for all." and "Vote 23 X Charles A. Rice (Paid adv.)"

Looking Forward

By Franklyn Walkman

Even though the New Deal may
not acknowledge it, this country
will owe quite a debt of gratitude
to Secretary of Agriculture Henry
A. Wallace when this campaign is
over. Indeed, he deserves a Car-
negie medal or whatever it is that
is given to brave men in politics,
for he is the boy who is putting
life, zip and, most of all, humor in
to this year's campaign.

Aside from Marse Henry Wal-
lace, the New Dealers have given
up the ghost or have been relegated
into temporary obscurity. Take,
for instance, the strange case of
Mr. Roosevelt. Not in six years
has he been as silent as in recent
weeks. Perhaps he is still unnerved
by the shellacking given to him
by the Democrats he undertook to
purge from the party. Perhaps
Mr. Roosevelt is afraid someone
will commence laughing if he again
tells the country he will balance
the budget next year or that "we
planned it that way."

At all events, Mr. Roosevelt finds
it expedient to excuse himself
from taking the stump in this
year's campaign. There are no
plans for trips across the country,
as in previous years, to give a help-
ing hand to some of the Demo-
cratic candidates who now sorely
need his help. No longer do the
press conferences rock with merry
laughter over quips and wisec-
racks. The White House and
Hyde Park have become somewhat
lunereal.

Jim Smiles No More

So has Democratic headquarters
here. James Aloysius Farley, who
once was called "Smiling Jim," now
goes around with a look on his
face as though he had a pain all
the way up his broad back. Per-
haps it is the pain the purge gave
him. Most lugubrious appearing
of all is my esteemed contempo-
rary, the Democratic publicity
director. In seclusion and out of
sight are Tommy Corcoran and
Benny Cohen. The blankets will
be taken off of them after election.
Harold L. Ickes, as usual, growls
at everyone and Harry Hopkins
has a face as long as an arm.

But not so Marse Henry Wal-
lace. There is a man for you!
Like the youth on the flying tra-
peze, he goes through the air with
the greatest of ease, jumping from
one excuse for New Deal failure
to another and from panacea to
panacea, oblivious of what he fa-
vored the day previously. Indeed,
it appears he does not greatly care
where he lands, if he can only keep
the farmers kidded until election
day.

Marse Henry is really trying.
For instance, the other day he ap-
peared before the Woman's Nation-
al Democratic Club and there, ac-
cording to the newspapers, blamed
the "spendthrift policies of the
Republicans in the twenties" for
the Roosevelt depression. He said
that with a perfectly straight face.
This was funnier even than the
observation the same day of the
newest of New Deal apologists a-
mong the columnists, Ernest K.
Lindley, who contended the "Ad-
ministration made the mistake of
trying to balance the budget too
quickly." Imagine all these New
Dealers lying awake nights worry-
ing about their mistake of bring-
ing the budget into balance too
quickly! It's a damned shame!

"Big-Hearted" Wallace

Marse Henry, however, is at his
best when he is dealing with the
farm situation. As the Baltimore
Sun has said, "our big-hearted
Secretary of Agriculture knows as
many ways of saving the farmer
as there are petals on a daisy."
"When one scheme fails," added
this 100-year old Democratic news-
paper, "he is always there with an-
other. He is going to make the
farmer love him—and the Admin-
istration—if he has to make over
America to do it."

It will be remembered about six
years ago Marse Henry delivered
himself of a resounding philippic
to a group of farm leaders de-
nouncing in unmeasured words
plans for subsidizing farm exports.
Then about two weeks later, mar-

velous to say, Marse Henry sol-
emnly announced that the Federal
Government proposed to subsidize
the export of wheat.

But this failed to do the trick—
said trick being the quieting of
the dissatisfaction in the farm belt
with New Deal fumbling. So Marse
Henry went out to Kansas and
pleaded with the wheat growers
to be patient—that he would do
something for them. The only
thing he could think of at the
moment was a restoration of sales
taxes on food and clothing, euphe-
mistically called "processing taxes,"
which the bad old Supreme
Court had invalidated.

Ah, said Marse Henry and all
the bright New Deal boys, restore
the processing taxes—that was the
stuff. But the farmers could not
figure out how that would help
them. Then someone remembered
that two years ago Marse Henry's
Bureau of Agricultural Economics
had reported that the former so-
called "processing taxes" had not
been paid by the processors but
had been deducted from the prices
paid to the farmers or were passed
along to the consumers.

Henry Drops Hot Potato

So Marse Henry decided to drop
that hot potato. But he had an-
other idea—and they come to him
just like that! Why, said he, we'll
establish for farm products a two-
price system—both for domestic
consumption. One will be higher
than the other and will be paid
directly to the farmers by—well,
by those who will pay it. The other
price will be less, with the govern-
ment making up the difference
to the farmer.

"If there is to be any dumping
of surplus farm products, it will
be done at home to help the lower
one-third of our people rather than
foreign countries," heroically ex-
claimed Marse Henry, completely
ignoring the fact that only a month
previously he had approved govern-
ment subsidies for dumping
wheat in foreign countries.

By the time this is being read
Marse Henry undoubtedly will have
proclaimed still another scheme for
the salvation of agriculture. He
probably will want to forget about
his grandiloquent domestic "two
price" plan, because by the time
these remarks are published he
will find out that instead of a hot
potato in his hands, this time he
has a big Bengal tiger by the tail.
Not even Rexford Tugwell in his
balmiest days ever thought up a
more idiotic, screwy idea than this
one.

Marse Henry may not be sound
but he is funny and that is a con-
tribution when all the other New
Dealers act like they are attending
a wake.

Double Trouble

Their hostess was without a
maid for the time being, so when
dinner was over, the guests al-
decided to lend a helping hand by
removing the dishes to the kitchen.
The hostess gave a horrified
scream as she saw them stacking
the plates. "Oh, why did you do
that?" he wailed. "Now I'll have
to wash the bottoms!"

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NON-HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that a Budget Committee of the
Non-high School District of Sher-
man County, State of Oregon, at
a meeting of said Committee held
on the 26th day of October, pre-
pared an estimate in detail of the
amount of money proposed to be
expended by said Non-high School
District for all purposes during the
fiscal school year beginning June
20, 1938, and ending June 19, 1939,
and an estimate in detail of the
probable receipts of said Non-high
school District from all sources
for the school year 1938-39. The
Board of said Non-high School
District has fixed the 19th day
of November at the hour of 10:00 a.
m. at the court house in Moro, Ore-
gon, as the time and place at
which said estimates may be dis-
cussed by the Board of said Non-
high School District, at which
time and place any and all persons
interested will be heard for or
against said tax levy, or any part
thereof. That said estimates and
attached original estimate sheets
are on file in the office of the
County School Superintendent and
are there open to the inspection of
all persons interested therein, and
the same are by reference made
a part hereof.

RECEIPTS
1. Cash on hand at the
beginning of the year for
which this budget is made \$3214.91
2. Amounts received
from other sources
TOTAL RECEIPTS 3214.91
EXPENDITURES
1. Tuition 6000.00
2. Transportation 1350.00
3. Postage and Stationery 6.00
4. Printing 20.00
5. Expenses of election
(Publication and Postage)
6. Travel Expenses of
Board Members 15.00
7. Clerical Expense (Sup-
plies, Legal Service etc) 37.50

8. Interest on Warrants
9. Emergency 25.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES 7453.50
RECAPITULATION
1. Total Receipts 3214.91
2. Total Expenditures 7453.50

Difference - (Amount to
be raised by tax on
the County Non-High
School District) 4238.59
Dated this 26th day of Oct. 1938.
H. D. Proudfoot
Chairman, Budget Committee
H. D. Proudfoot
Chairman, Board of Education
T. H. Fraser
Secretary, Budget Committee
Wily W. Knighten
Clerk, Board of Education.

OREGON STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION; NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Moro-Wasco County Line Section
Rock Production
Decket No. Oregon 1349-F
Sealed proposals will be received
by the Oregon State Highway
Commission in the Auditorium,
third-floor, Public Service Build-
ing, Portland, Oregon, at 9:00
o'clock a. m., Friday, Novem-
ber 18th, 1938, for the furnishing
of approximately 8,700 cubic yards
of crushed rock in stockpiles on
the Moro-Wasco County Line Sec-
tion of the Sherman Highway in
Sherman County. These proposals
will be publicly opened and read
aloud at 9:00 o'clock a. m., at said
date and place. Bids received
after the time fixed for opening
will not be considered.

Plans, specifications, and other
contract documents are on file
for examination at the office of the
State Highway Commission in
Salem, Oregon. Copies of these
documents may be obtained upon
application to and the deposit of
five dollars (\$5.00) per set with
said State Highway Commission.
The deposit will be refunded up-
on the return in good condition
of said documents.

A complete set of plans and
specifications may be inspected at
the office of the Associated Gen-
eral Contractors, in Portland, Ore-
gon, Spokane, Washington; and
Boise, Idaho.
No proposal will be considered
unless it is submitted on a form
of proposal furnished by said
State Highway Commission.
Attention is called to the pre-
qualification requirements of Chap-
ter 225, Laws of Oregon, 1931.

Bidder's proposal must be ac-
companied by certified check or a
bidder's bond in an amount not
less than 5% of the total amount
of the proposal as a guarantee for
the execution of the contract and
the furnishing of the required
bonds in case the contract is
awarded to the bidder.

No bidder may withdraw his bid
after the hour set for opening
thereof or before award of con-
tract, unless said award is delayed
for a period exceeding thirty (30)
days.

It is estimated that there will
be available for work to be done
under this advertisement sub-
stantially the sum of fifteen thou-
sand dollars (\$15,000).

The Highway Commission re-
serves the right to reject any and-
or all proposals, to waive informal-
ities, and to accept such propo-
sals as are to the best interests
of the State.

By order of
Oregon State Highway Commission
Henry F. Cabell, Chairman
E. B. Aldrich, Commissioner
F. L. Tou Velle, Commissioner.
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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN

GEORGE B. GUTHRIE, as Re-
ceiver of the Oregon-Washington
Joint Stock Land Bank of Port-
land, Oregon, a corporation,
Plaintiff,

vs.
PAULINE F. WILCOX, PAULINE
F. WILCOX, as Administratrix of
the Estate of W. B. Wilcox, Jr.,
Wm. H. Wilcox, Alice Mae Mc-
Cormack, Mark M. McCormack,
May E. Mackenzie and Eastern
Oregon Land Company, a corpora-
tion, and The County of Sherman,
a municipal corporation of the
State of Oregon
Defendants.

By virtue of the writ of execu-
tion and order of sale duly issued
out of the Circuit Court of the
County of Oregon for the County
of Sherman, on the 4th day of
October, 1938, pursuant to a de-
creed entered in said court October
3rd, 1938, in a suit wherein George
B. Guthrie, as Receiver of the
Oregon-Washington Joint Stock
Land Bank of Portland, Oregon
a corporation, is plaintiff, and
Pauline F. Wilcox, Pauline F.
Wilcox as Administratrix of the
Estate of W. B. Wilcox, Jr., Wm.
H. Wilcox, Alice Mae McCormack,
Mark M. McCormack, May E. Mac-
kenzie and Eastern Oregon Land
Company, a corporation, and The
County of Sherman, a municip-
al corporation of the State of Ore-
gon are defendants, said writ be-
ing directed to me commanding
me to make sale of the real prop-
erty hereinafter described, I will
on Monday, the 7th day of Novem-
ber, 1938, at 10:00 o'clock a. m.,
at the front door of the court house
of Sherman County in the City of
Moro, State of Oregon, offer for
sale and proceed to sell to the
highest bidder for cash in hand
the following described real property,
situate in Sherman County, State
of Oregon, to-wit:

Section Thirty-three (33),
Township Three (3) South,
Range Sixteen (16) East of
the Willamette Meridian, con-
taining six hundred forty acres
(640 a) more or less, accord-
ing to government survey
thereof, together with all rights,
however evidenced, to the use
of water, ditches and canals
for the irrigation of said pre-
mise, to which said premises
were entitled at the date of
said mortgage January 12,
1923, or at any time since
said date;

to satisfy the sum of Three
Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-
three and 14-100 Dollars (\$3973-
14) with interest from October
3rd, 1938 at the rate of 6% per
annum and the sum of Two Thou-
sand Seven Hundred and One and
69-100 Dollars (\$2701.69) with in-
terest thereon from the 3rd day
of October, 1938 at 8% per annum,
and \$300.00 as attorneys' fees,
together with costs of said suit
taxed at Eighteen Dollars (18.00)
and the costs of and upon said
writ.

C. C. WILSON
Sheriff of Sherman County, Oregon
48-52

Moro Lodge No. 113, I. O. O. F.
Moro, Oregon
Meets 1st and 3rd
Tuesdays in the
I. O. O. F. hall Tran-
sient and visiting
brothers are cordi-
ally invited to meet
with us.
Ralph E. Eakin, N. G.
Joe Truitt, Secretary.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116
Moro, Oregon
Meets 2d & 4th Tues-
day of each month.
Visiting members wel-
come.
Thelma Miller, N.G.
Florence Johnston, Sec.

Advertisement for Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Includes text: "THIS TELEPHONE WENT TO MARKET - THIS UMBRELLA STAYED HOME - RAINY DAYS ARE HERE! Save clothing and health. Have a telephone installed now. About this and other types of equipment just ask - THE PACIFIC TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY"