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**INCOME TAX**  
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breakfast and beefsteak the re-  
 mainder of the day. But it runs  
 out of the writer's ears—and  
 mouth.  
 The proposal to change the in-  
 come tax so as to eliminate the  
 exemption for federal tax paid is  
 not so drastic as opponents' pre-  
 sume. One bill would just remove  
 the federal tax exemption with-  
 out change in the rates. That  
 would increase Oregon's income  
 from income tax by \$10,500,000.  
 It would be too high.

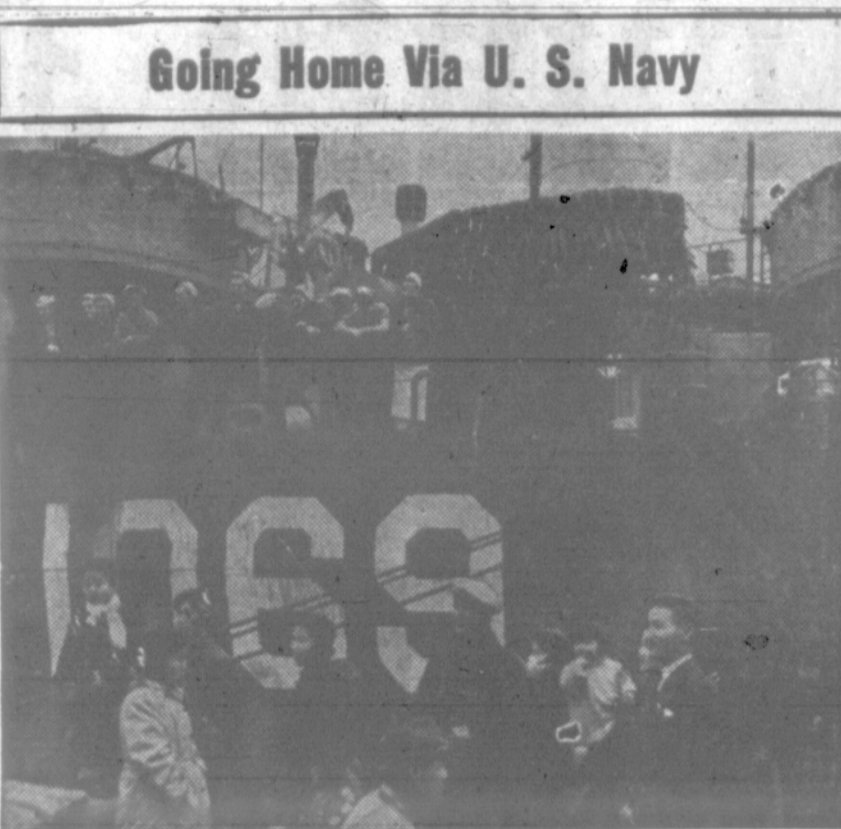
Another proposal would reduce  
 the rates with an effort being  
 made to collect about as much  
 money as in 1947. Actually the fe-  
 deral government would be the  
 loser because Oregon would col-  
 lect more and such payments are  
 an exemption on the federal tax.  
 Sounds screw ball?  
 Well, it isn't.

A man with million dollar in-  
 come pays \$850,000 to the federal  
 government and \$12,000 to the  
 state. Under present rates and  
 with the federal exemption taken  
 out the state tax he would pay  
 \$80,000 to the state and 85% of  
 \$920,000 to the federal govern-  
 ment.

Not many people have incomes  
 of that size but anyone can figure  
 it out by taking his own tax for  
 state and federal and doing some  
 pencil work. If deductions were  
 made a flat \$600 per person the  
 man with a family would get a  
 break and if rates started at one  
 percent the small taxpayer would  
 get a break.

Neither California nor New  
 York permit exemptions for fe-  
 deral taxes paid and some other  
 states do likewise.

You know, it might not be a  
 bad idea to pay more to Oregon  
 and less to Washington, D. C. It



**Going Home Via U. S. Navy**  
 In the post-war repatriation of exiled Korean civilians and Japanese troops to their homelands, U. S. Navy LST's made seven trips to accomplish that mission of mercy. Photo shows crew members of USS LST 1069 watching Korean civilians as they prepare to board the vessel prior to the last trip. (Official Navy Photograph)

wouldn't have to go so far away  
 from home, and the farther a dol-  
 lar travels the smaller it gets. A  
 tax dollar that goes to the county  
 and back is still pretty much of  
 a dollar, if it goes to the state  
 capital it gets worn down some,  
 and when it travels across the  
 continent it looks like a thin dime  
 by the time it returns.

**OREGON'S ECONOMY**

What would the people of Ore-  
 gon do if confronted with a levy  
 over the six percent limit of  
 around \$50 million? It would be  
 offset by funds now on hand. If  
 they voted it down the legislature  
 would have to be called into ses-  
 sion to pass some new tax laws,  
 which the people might defeat.  
 Then the state would really be  
 busted.

The privileges which the peo-  
 ple obtained under the initiative  
 and referendum measures of  
 1902 also infer some responsibil-  
 ities. It is the contention of this  
 page that if the people were cor-  
 rectly informed they would de-  
 cide wisely.

That is a part of the question  
 about diverting funds to the gen-  
 eral fund. These funds can now  
 be used for nothing but offsetting  
 property taxes. Those who want  
 to transfer them to the general  
 fund where they can be spent  
 without vote of the people are  
 those who by this action prove  
 that they do not trust the people.

Whether the initiative and re-  
 ferendum are good laws for a  
 state to have or not is not the  
 question. Oregon has them. The  
 people have authority to start laws  
 on their own or defeat laws en-  
 acted by the legislature. No tax law  
 can carry the emergency clause  
 and that gives the people 90 days  
 in which to review them and in-  
 itiate against them.

The move to divert funds is an  
 expression of distrust in the vot-  
 ers and is an incongruous  
 position of a neglected official.

It is said that the people didn't  
 understand when they voted  
 against allowing the \$6,500,000  
 levy last fall. It would have come  
 from excise and income tax of-  
 set funds. Maybe they didn't un-  
 derstand. But, maybe, they did.

**In Days of Old**

From the Observer, Feb. 16, 1900  
 Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dear, nee  
 Miss Clara Speer, were united in  
 marriage yesterday and are now  
 at home in Moro.  
 Miss Lottie Vinton and J. H.  
 Rineason were married at the  
 home of the bride's parents on  
 the 14th in Grass Valley.  
 Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mowry cele-  
 brated their 32nd wedding anni-  
 versary the 14th at Cherrycroft  
 farm. A few friends were invited  
 in to join them at dinner.  
 From the G. V. J., Feb. 11, 1910  
 L. L. Peetz and wife, Miss Ginn  
 Miss Landry, Miss Rose, Roy  
 Huls, and Edward Lewis of Moro  
 attended the funeral services

Tuesday for Cora Davis Russel,  
 who died in Spokane February 6.  
 She was born February 11, 1875.  
 Dr. James Dentist, returned  
 from the river Tuesday morning,  
 he says that place is no summer  
 resort.  
 Frank Iams has rented his farm  
 and sold his implements to one  
 of the Hammonds. Mr. Iams thinks  
 he will locate in southern Ore-  
 gon.

From G. V. J., Feb. 6, 1920  
 Charles E. Davis has bought  
 the crop and lease of the land  
 farmed by Noah Hammond, con-  
 sisting of one section, and also  
 leased the section farmed by Joe  
 Dunlap; both sections are E. O. L.  
 property. Mr. Hammond informs  
 us he will move to Idaho.  
 Mrs. L. D. Pike, who has been  
 confined to her bed for two weeks  
 was taken to The Dalles hospital  
 where she had an operation per-  
 formed by Dr. Taylor. She is get-  
 ting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. James Blagg have  
 a new son at their home, arriving  
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 4th.

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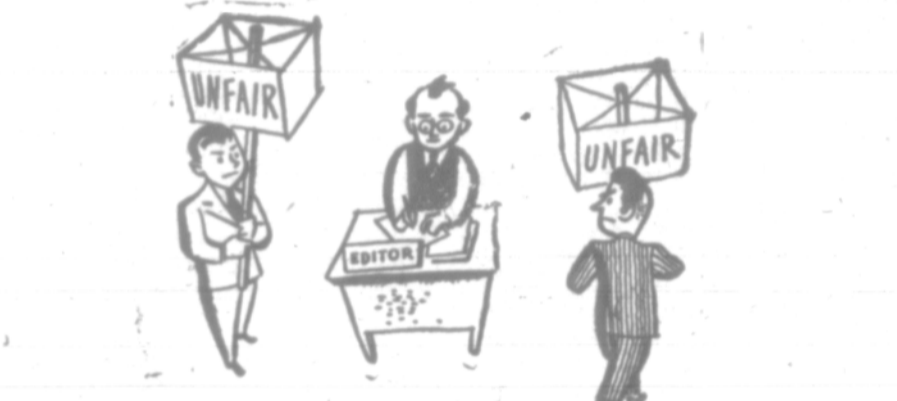
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 praise and condemn, approve and protest.  
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 express your opinions, one way or the other,  
 about something that appears in this news-  
 paper, you are a free citizen. And when you  
 cannot comment because this newspaper can-  
 not print the facts and opinions that stir you  
 to write, freedom in this country is dead.

Look through this issue. Note the array of  
 happenings, good and bad, that are reported so  
 that you can be informed and shape your life  
 accordingly. Read the opinions—ours and those  
 of lawmakers, labor leaders, businessmen and  
 educators. Some may please. You may disagree  
 with others. But they are here  
 for you: to read, study, accept or  
 reject as you wish.

Imagine not being able to do  
 so! Don't think it can't happen.  
 When the war was raging, you  
 were concerned about freedom.  
 Perhaps for the first time you  
 saw how much people need a  
 free press in order to be free.  
 Because Mussolini and Hitler are dead, don't  
 take it for granted that freedom is safe. To keep  
 it intact calls for ceaseless vigilance.

Today there are men and women—some well-  
 meaning but short-sighted, some malignant—  
 who would enslave you. They form committees,  
 pass high-sounding resolutions and agitate for  
 laws.

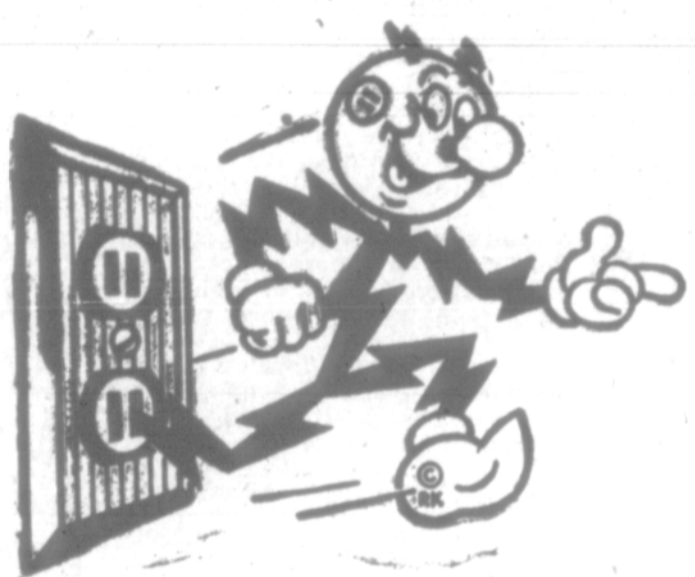
One of their first attacks is on your freedom  
 to know. They would deny you  
 access to information—facts and  
 opinions—except those which  
 they claim is good for you. In  
 effect they want no opinions  
 published except their own. They  
 know that, if they can control  
 what you read, they can control  
 your mind. They seek to limit  
 the free exchange of facts and  
 opinions now available. They  
 talk about the necessity of limiting the press.  
 When they say that, they mean limiting you.

Freedom of the press doesn't belong exclu-  
 sively to newspapers. It belongs to everyone.  
 The newspapers are minority owners. Freedom  
 of the press means freedom to read as well as  
 freedom to publish. When newspapers become  
 propaganda mouthpieces, they are not free—  
 and neither are you.  
 The choice is yours. You can shut off your  
 access to what is going on in this country and  
 throughout the world by following these self-  
 styled leaders. Or you can refuse to be led into  
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