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WALKER PLANS

A wit has observed that actually there are three Walker plans, all deriving their name from the senator from Polk and Benton, the redoubtable Dean, hopgrower, basketball coach, dean of men, and ways and means of expert of many sessions.

The first of the Walker plans was that by which the state returned 30 percent and 75 percent of the income taxes paid back to the citizen. It was successful in that it kept the state from laying away a surplus during those years and was hailed as statesmanlike until the state coffers became empty. Small taxpayers objected because they did not get as much back as did the large taxpayers and large taxpayers didn't like it because the federal government took so much of the returned money. It lasted until the next session of the legislature, surviving two years because there was no way to change it meanwhile.

The second such plan is one to divert income and excise taxes to the general fund. Like a pick pocket, it steals away the surplus before the property taxpayer (for whose benefit the funds were held) is aware. The wording is something to delight students of the Einstein theory and atomic bomb theorists. Those who want the law say no one has to read and understand it but the tax commission and that is probably true. But everyone has to abide by the things the tax commission will do under the authority given in this second Walker plan.

The third in this series of plans is more easily understood. Yet for devious methods it is akin to the others. It provides that a theater owner may be fined \$100 if some one eats popcorn in his show house, and may be liable for damages to discommodated patrons who are made unhappy by the

chomping of jaw chewing popcorn. Peanuts are added to the bill as an extra hazard. This trilogy of plans are alike because of sponsorship and because of a certain indirect ingenuity at obtaining a result without seeming to mention it at all. Something like a cross-eyed man winking at a girl; like a loaded cigar. They give a kind pat on the back and a kick in the pants at one gesture. Legislative legerdemain it may be called. Just watch the fine purpose, pay heed to the good intent, watch my hands, hocus-pocus—and I'm sorry you've lost your watch.

SPRING

Spring, belated though it may be, is here. There have been signs before, the leafing of trees, the flowering of early plants, gardening by women, the shedding of winter woelens. Now the first league baseball game has been played in the city and spring is again here to herald another year.

Well, it's about time. The winter was overlong and overcold. And that makes the vernal season more welcome.

The Beavers with Bill Sweeney back at the helm are gathering some young men to supplant the elders who have been creakily going about their jobs with varying success. A baseball player seems to go by seasons, one good, another bad, not days or weeks. He has a good season or a poor one. Pitches go along year after year winning their share of the games and then, some springs, they are all through; can't win a thing. Feel good, arm all right, appetite equal to training table steaks but definitely not a ball player anymore. An applicant for an umpiring job may be, or a part owner of a clothing store, a beer sales man but not a ballplayer except in the hot stove league.

That may happen to Portland pitchers, especially those who are trying to put sons and daughters through college or dandling grandchildren on their aged knees. We hope not because we like to be interested in a winning team. But winning is only sweet when it carries with it a consciousness of superiority. It is better when earned.

In Days of Old

From the Observer, April 20, 1900
James A. Hand of this county and Miss Jennie Turnbull of Clark county were married in Vancouver, the 7th.
J. M. Parry, who was nearly killed by a kicking horse last

SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT

For the year ended December 31, 1948

Of the OREGON MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY
Of McMinnville, in the State of Oregon, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

INCOME	
Net premiums received	\$2,304,222.07
Total interest, dividends and real estate income	75,483.98
Income from other sources	1,894.08
Total income	\$2,381,600.13
DISBURSEMENTS	
Net amount paid for losses	66,087.87
Loss adjustment expenses	44,516.95
Underwriting expenses	784,316.80
Dividends paid to stockholders, (Cash, \$.; stock, \$.)	
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	243,544.64
All other expenditures (including investment expenses)	87,865.34
Total Disbursements	1,926,331.60
ADMITTED ASSETS	
Value of real estate owned (market value)	98,000.00
Loans on mortgages and collateral, etc.	
Value of bonds owned (amortized) and Municipal warrants	3,126,069.50
Value of stocks owned (market value)	
Cash in banks and on hand	579,138.73
Premiums in course of collection written since September 30, 1948	395,587.84
Interest and rents due and accrued	21,494.32
Other assets (net)	108,151.99
Total admitted assets	4,328,442.38
LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS	
Total unpaid claims	146,084.87
Estimated loss adjustment expense for unpaid claims	7,000.00
Total unearned premiums	2,704,638.90
All other liabilities	225,681.99
Total liabilities, except capital	3,083,405.76
Capital paid up - \$ - None	
Special surplus funds: 245,036.62	
Unassigned funds (surplus)	1,000,000.00
Surplus as regards policyholders	1,245,036.62
Total	4,328,442.38

BUSINESS IN OREGON FOR THE YEAR

Net premiums received	\$ 983,699.70
Net losses paid	320,515.64
Dividends paid or credited to policyholders	17,231.00
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week is now able to walk about. The horse hit him square in the face breaking his nose so badly that the right nasal bone was removed in fragments by Dr. Smith. It was a shocking accident but might have been worse.

Dr. Idleman, Mrs. C. M. Vandervert, Misses Ida Mowry, Daye and Ella Anderson, visited the Orberer farm and had a three day outing. A trip to Shaniko; a fishing jaunt to Buck Hollow were on the program. Miss Ella caught a trout that measured 12 1/2 inches.

Mrs. Lucy Ruggles has bought the Conlee residence property and now has a home of her own. The following teachers have

Moro Lodge No. 113 I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Leo Watkins, N. G. John DeMoss, Secretary

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L. V. Henrichs, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

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Elsie Jones, W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

been signed up for next year's school: Mr. Buchanan, Mrs. Ruggles, Miss White, Miss Hager and Miss Ferrin. Harvey Smith and Henry Paterson have the material on the ground for new garages. Otto Bucholtz has been having a serious time for several weeks with rheumatism.

Target Shooters Cause Line Failure

Target shooters apparently using a heavy caliber rifle knocked down a Pacific Power & Light company power line in the Hood River area Sunday and interrupted electric service to thousands of persons in an eight-county area, according to M. C. Thorn, district manager for the company.

Moro and other parts of Sherman county served by the company were out of service for more than an hour as a result of the shooting, Thorn said. Service was restored shortly after noon.

Shooting down of the line caused an overload switch to open at the company's big substation at The Dalles. This broke a connection between the Pacific and Bonneville power systems and threw large areas out of service.

Had the target shooters broken the line on any other day than Sunday, when use of electricity is the lightest, the interruption of service would have even more power users, the company pointed out in urging care in use of firearms around power equipment.

CHURCHES

"He Lives and Saves" Church of Christ, Wasco, Easter Morning, 10:00 Church Bible School, 11:00 Divine Morning Worship. Children of school have part in Easter Program Sunday. School hour. Covered dish dinner following morning services. "Happy Easter to you all!" F. Claude Stephens, minister

LOCAL ITEMS

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Brisbane brought Mrs. Brisbane's mother Mrs. Kate Hansen home from a hospital in The Dalles Tuesday evening.

Mrs. Henry Norton and children of Portland are here visiting at the home of her mother Mrs. Daisy Byers.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Landry and daughters were here over the weekend from Portland visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Jess Landry. Mrs. Geiter of Spokane, Wash. who has been visiting the Landrys returned to Portland with them.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
There'll Always Be a "Gawker"
"Harry the Hermit," as he's called, came into town last week and, as usual, caused quite a stir. He looks like a cross between Santa Claus and Daniel Boone. We had a friendly glass of beer together and I asked him, "Don't you ever get annoyed at the way some people laugh and stare at you go by?" "Shucks no," Harry says. "Only while they're laughin' at me, I'm feelin' a mite sorry for them. Imagine—folks so ungrateful they can't see I'm really just the same as they are underneath."
From where I sit, Harry's a lot more "civilized" than the people who make fun of him. He's contented, lives the way he believes is right without harming anyone—and what's more, he's tolerant of others whose tastes in living are different from his. Maybe we all don't look the same, or act the same, or eat or drink the same, but in a free country, why should we?
Joe Marsh
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