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SPECIAL SESSION

Readers should not be alarmed about the possibility of a special session of the Oregon legislature. It could happen, but it probably won't.

The suggestion came from Fred Paulus, many years deputy state treasurer, who spoke to the interim tax committee about the state's financial problem. Paulus was concerned a few months ago about the rumor that Oregon's rating was to be dropped by bond dealers in New York. The state was authorized to issue another \$15,000,000 in highway bonds and, when permitted, would issue around \$56,000,000 in veteran bonus bonds. An increase of a quarter of a percent in the interest rate could cost the state \$2,000,000. That interests a state treasurer.

Oregon bonds are now rated AA. The highest rating is AAA, which is only slightly better than AA. The bond dealers may drop Oregon to an A rating which could cost the state as much as four tenths of a per cent more in interest.

Paulus proposed that a special session be held to pass some new tax legislation and submit it to the people in November. The governor said he didn't like special sessions but if a real emergency did develop he would consider the proposal carefully.

After that the committee got down to discussion of how to raise more money. That came to a general agreement that probably the people would turn down any such proposal.

Then the discussion turned to ways of saving money on state functions and that was not fruitful with continued inflation in prospect.

The inevitable result was that the state will have to curtail some of its expenditures and inasmuch as by far the largest of these are the \$80 per census child of the basic school bill, the \$26,550,000 of higher education and the welfare costs, these would have to stand the larger part of any state curtailment of expenses.

The state has been spending more money than it has been taking in for almost three years. Increased income receipts have put off the day when the state will go to writing warrants for costs of government. But anyone knows that if you take more water out of a barrel than you put in the barrel goes dry.

However, the phenomena is so difficult of comprehension that almost every generation must find it out for itself. We predict that this generation of Oregonians will soon make the great discovery.

CORN

We are not speaking of the vegetable as valuable as it is to mankind with uses ranging from succulent green ear to the products of the mature grain.

We are speaking of the use of the word as a means of designating the old, the trite, the understood.

Younger generations for some years now have used the word which came from the stage. A corny joke is an old joke and is derided as such. From similar expressions has come acceptance of a notion that all old things are corny and to be derided.

The opposite is true. The old expressions, the old ways, the old philosophies are the good ones, otherwise they would not have lasted to become old. Customs and habits that have lasted for generations are not to be thrust aside without thought. The rebels who wrote the Declaration of Independence included the sentiment: "Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes;"

The old sayings apply to those of us now alive as they did to those long gone from this world. "Honesty is the best policy"; "Virtue is its own reward"; "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you"; are all old bits of advice and, presumably corny. The rituals of secret orders expressing such ideals as friendship, brotherhood, love,

charity, the ten commandments themselves might all be referred to as corny. And it sometimes seems that such sentiments are cast aside without much consideration because they are not new and have been heard over and over.

The eternal truths have long been written. The best modern writers can do is to repeat the idea in up-to-date expressions.

WORRY, WORRY

Met a farmer the other day: Was he happy because the larger part of the snow water had gone into the ground, that the winter had (so far) been one of the best, that the fall sown wheat was in excellent shape, that there is getting to be an independent market for wheat, that the warm days had started the grass and wheat to growing?

No, he wasn't. He was worried because it was only the first of February and the weather was nice and warm and if the wheat grew rapidly for a few days and it turned very cold the wheat might be damaged.

He went a long ways to 'borrow trouble.'

GOOD SCHOOLS

For years the writer has been saying that there should be some standards set up for schools and that they should be in the law and not made by the state department. Now there is a little booklet by that department which gives the standards for elementary schools.

It is mainly concerned with the quantitative matters, that Dr. Holy defined as those having to do with material things about the school, such as site, buildings, janitor's supplies, blackboards, etc. The booklet is probably too detailed on such matters, specifying the number of drawers in the teacher's desk, the size of the filing cabinet and the diameter of the bouncing balls for the primary room.

Oddly there is no recommendation as to whether an elementary teacher can wear a red blouse in March, can cut her hair in a poodle bob, or go to dances with a bartender. There must exist, however, a "harmonious relationship between the administrator and his teachers" and teachers must sign "honorable" contracts.

It just seems in reading the booklet that the writers of it were trying to define the indefinable, a process probably as difficult as unscrewing the inscrutable.

What makes a school is the teacher. And there is no definition for an education. There really isn't. Such phrases as "contribute actively to the accomplishment of the purposes of the school" are of little help. One might say that the purpose of a school was to prepare the child for adult life but that means little unless "prepare" be further defined and the kind of adult life be explained.

These imponderables of education are what Dr. Holy called the "Qualitative things in Education." They are the important things and the major criticism of Oregon schools at present is that they have not given them as much attention as they have to the quantitative things.

For ourselves we couldn't define an educational process as successful if it did not arouse mental curiosity about something in the minds of each student and give him an opportunity to work toward the satisfaction of it. A child should know his place in nature, in society, in history, in geography, should know how to change some of those things and be inspired to improve his condition and that of the community about him.

Fishing Opening Dates Approved

Final sport fishing regulations set by the game commission, following a public hearing Friday, January 25, at its Portland headquarters, contained few changes over tentative regulations set two weeks ago.

General trout season will open April 19 in zone 1 (coastal waters) and zone 2 (Willamette and Hood river watersheds) and May 3 in all other zones. Inclusion of Lake county in the May 3 opening, instead of a proposed May 20 opening, was the only change in general season dates.

Summer trout limits, 10 fish per 1/2 of which not more than 5 may be over 12 inches, and 20 in possession or in any seven days, remain the same. Minimum length limits of 8 inches in coastal waters and 6 inches elsewhere were not changed.



GREETINGS . . . Senate GOP policy chief Robert A. Taft, Ohio, (left) greets Senator Everett Saltonstall (R., Mass.) as senate Republicans met at the Capitol recently to elect a new floor leader to succeed the late Senator Wherry (R., Neb.). Senator Bridges of New Hampshire was elected, after having announced by Saltonstall.



SIX WOMEN CLAIM MAN AS HUSBY . . . Six women, arrested on charges of "open and notorious cohabitation," confer with attorney in Mesa, Ariz., before their appearance in court. All claim as husband George Dutton, who is sought on bigamy charges. The complaint against Dutton and the women was filed by a bishop of the Mormon church, which has ex-communicated Dutton. Dutton allegedly lived in a house with the six women and also two other women, and was preparing to wed another.



UMPIRE DIES . . . Bill Klem, National League umpire, died recently in Miami at the age of 77, death being attributed to a heart ailment. He was an umpire for 36 years and worked in 18 world series, more than any other man in history.

WEATHER FINE TODAY
Weather for the week has been warm, very little frost at night and bright sun a good part of each day. Frost is out of the ground except on north slopes or shady spots and country roads, quagmires earlier, are beginning to get solid again, permitting removal of chains.

Rufus News

Mrs. George Fox

The Boardman high school came to Rufus Friday night. The girls had a volley ball game with the Rufus girls. But Rufus had them outclassed. The final score was 26 to 47.

After the girls game the boys tangled with the Wolves in a basketball game. Boardman outplayed and out shot Rufus all during the four quarters. At quarters the play was 1st, Boardman 14, Rufus 11; 2nd, B. 23, R. 19; 3rd, B. 37, R. 30; and the final score 38 to 46 in favor of Boardman. Todd from The Dalles and Ray Brown from Rufus were the referees.

Jack Steward was high point man with 22 points to his credit. Al Blake made 6, George Fox Jr. 6, and Paul Blackburne 4 were the boys bringing in the points.

Roland Johnson, Bill Huck, Atlee Wilson, Harland McDonald and others have worked the past week in the basement of the grange hall. The men took out the old furnace, partition, and have floored it all. They intend making it into a play room for the youthful children of the grangers. They have installed a sink and water handy* for the youngsters.

All the old scraps of lumber formerly in the basement was hauled by a resident of Rufus. The women of the grange have had a nice hot meal ready in the grange kitchen for their working husbands.

The middle of the week saw it warmer here, and the snow began melting. Thursday the ice

left the John Day river. A large percentage of the river had ice frozen clear across it.

Over the weekend the roads were very muddy. The cars that used the roads really tore them up. The frost hasn't all left the ground yet, but it is going fast. Most of the snow has gone. Water rushing across places in the roads are washing them. It is hoped they won't be cut too deep for cars to get across. The canyons aren't running as much water as it was first thought they would when the snow went off. The water should be finished running by the middle of this week. A stiff wind was blowing Monday.

Quite a few children from Rufus school are sick with colds, and are absent from school. Mrs. Sarah Giannonatti, primary teacher, had planned a little play for the P-TA program Monday night, but called it off when so many were sick. However, the P-TA meeting was held.

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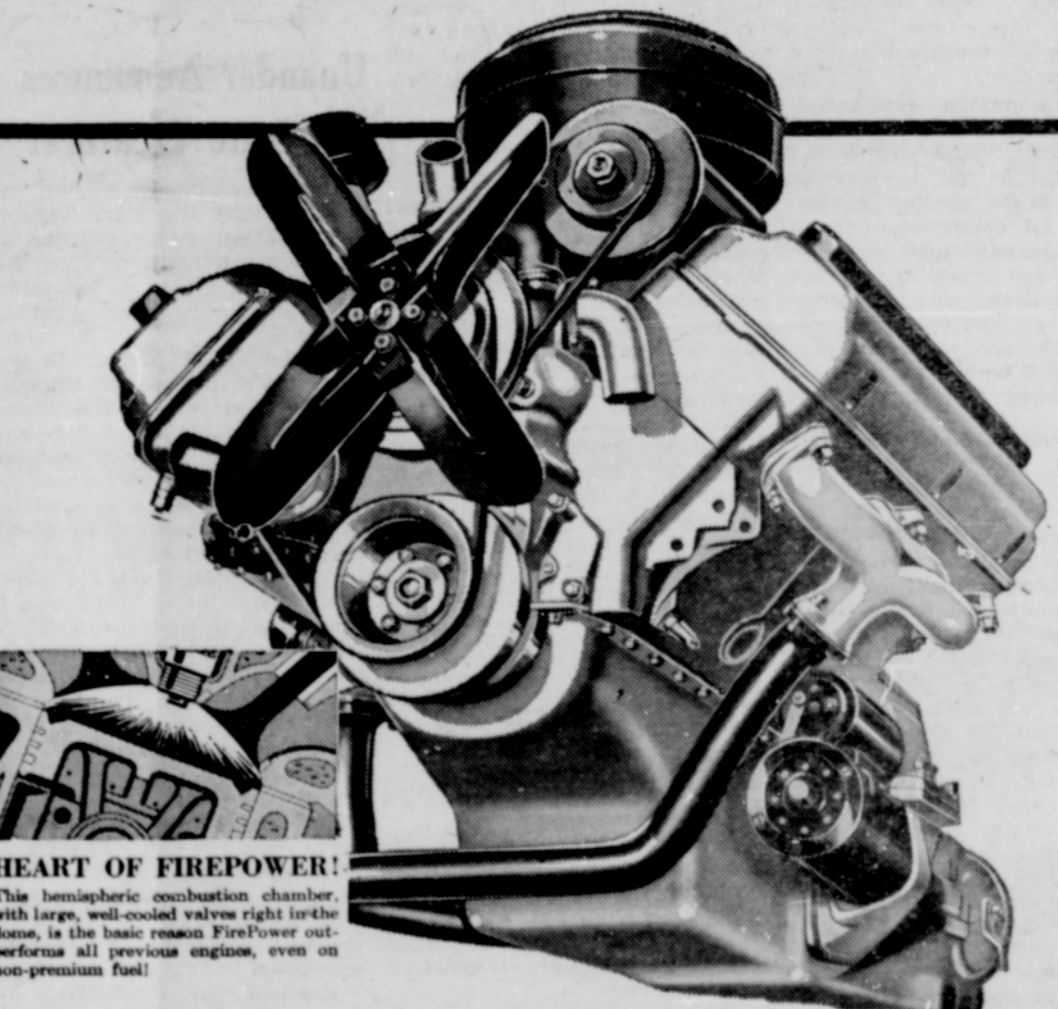
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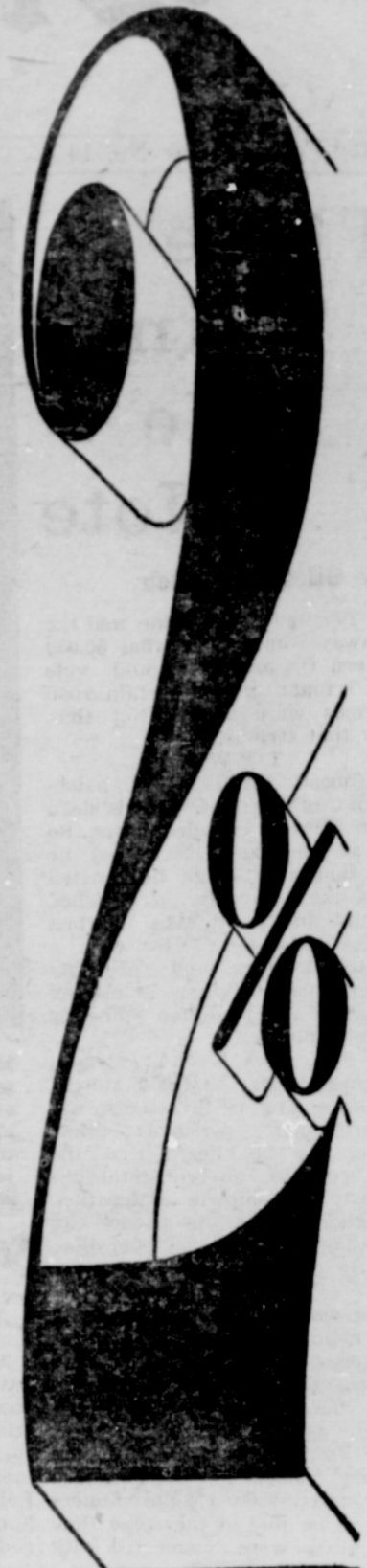
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