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CHEERFUL EARFUL

A news story from the Oregon Education association tells that that group is going to start a study program on education. Members will be appointed in October and will include a lot of administrators and teachers who will endeavor to obtain information from laymen.

That is fine news. The OEA should have done it years ago. What is wrong with education in Oregon isn't only money which has been the contention of the OEA for years. The theory that nothing is wrong with education that more money wouldn't cure is an erroneous one. This committee has an opportunity to dig up some other things and stop the long-time criticism of the OEA because it has manhandled taxpayers without giving adequate reason.

First to be examined is the OEA itself which indicates a suspicion on the part of someone that the OEA may not be perfect. That, too, is a fine move.

If there is anything in our society that needs critical analysis it is education. Such analysis should be done first by educators and administrators and if they do not do it well ordinary citizens can go on from there.

Any activity that takes as large a percentage of public money as does the education and training of children should be able to stand and show cause at periodic intervals. It should never become so arrogant as to brand opponents of any request as being "against education" as the OEA has done on many occasions.

We are very happy at the announcement and hope that the job is well done.

FREIGHT RATES

A great deal is being said and little done about the new freight rates that have tended to increase the rates east on farm products and may decrease rates west. Such rates are a blow to western agriculture and are very hard to justify. If the railroads have to have more money for hauling east it seems that the same reasons would cause a raise on freight hauled west.

Western livestock producers would have a better case if they really raised enough meat to fill the needs of the western population. They have never done that. Consumers, therefore, must also be considered. If western livestock men want the business of feeding westerners they should get it and any aids in freight rates should be given them. If they do not want to produce more than a token percentage of the meat eaten in the west they can expect less consideration. This particularly applies to pork production although the west is an importer of all kinds of meat.

Of course, there are economic reasons why the west does not like to grow enough pork. Rather generous incomes more easily accrue from the production of grain, the tax situation is not favorable, hog raising requires additional capital and time. Farmers usually buy their pork instead of growing it and we are sure that lowered freight rates from the east would help more farmers than it would hurt.

But the west, particularly the northwest, can grow pork. Protection of those who want to do so should be forthcoming and we are sure it will be rather easily arranged if it can be shown that there is serious intent to produce pork in substantial quantities in this region.

MORE WITHHOLDING

Beginning September 1 the new rates for state income tax withholding go into effect. The new rates are substantially higher than the old ones due to the larger tax nearly everyone will have to pay.

Reason for the boost in withholding is that state taxes are to be much higher and the old rates would leave most taxpayers owing the state at the end of the year. So the rates were boosted to make what is called "realistic" withholding.

It is a contention of many tax

experts that withholding takes-tax easily (they never see it) that the average person does not realize the big bite extracted from his paycheck. That might have been true at one time but the bites to be taken in Oregon are by now large enough to be noted.

The rates are based on the standard tax schedule which has been boosted to an average of 51 per cent surtax instead of the 45 per cent that prevailed during the last biennium. The increase was not necessary any more than the 45 percent was not necessary. But they will prevail until citizens make a protest big enough to influence the legislators.

WRONG APPROACH
State Senator Gill, chairman of an interim committee, said recently that one of the reasons for the longer sessions of the legislature is the slowness of labor and management to reach a compromise in unemployment and industrial accident bills. That is true.

What is not true, nor good government, is that the legislature should wait for labor and management to reach a compromise.

Certainly both labor and management should be heard. In recent years it has been the custom for legislative committees to permit the two groups to make a compromise and then accept it. When this is done the public is not represented in the decision. And it is the function of the legislature to represent the public.

BURNING RANGES

Newspapers are gathering some exciting photographs of burning range land this summer and the government agencies are bemoaning the destruction wrought by the fires.

In this connection E. R. Jackman, known to all as OSC field man, had an article in the Farm Journal which explains that the best and cheapest way to get more feed is to burn the sage and rabbit brush off the range.

As one who annually goes over many miles of road in the range country we are certain that much of central Oregon would profit from a sweeping wire. Probably such a fire should be started after fall rains have wet the grass roots and not when they are dry. But there would be more grass after such a fire.

Government agents always oppose burning either range or forest land but the Indians did it every year and the forests grew pretty well if the grass was not allowed to accumulate. Now a fire in a forest, even a pine forest would be very destructive. Rabbit brush and sage is taking much of the range country and it costs too much to spray it. It will burn.

Instead of weeping copiously with the government men we are a little happy over the range fires and think they may prove to be beneficial in many places.

TOBACCO USE

A recent survey shows the great changes made in the use of tobacco in the last forty years. And there is also evidence that the change has been slight.

Nowadays only those with low or irregular incomes smoke a pipe and probably it always was that way. Grandpa didn't have much of an income, come to think of it. Chewing tobacco is not an indoor pleasure and never was. In these days when nearly everyone works indoors the use of chewing tobacco is down.

About half the men and a quarter of the women smoke cigarettes because they are handy. They probably started in the days when it seemed an evidence of maturity—and youngsters want to be grown up. It may look to be a very foolish passion to an adult but children think it would be wonderful.

Whether cigarettes cause lung cancer or not is not definitely known and the threat of it doesn't seem to make much difference. It takes a long time in any event and people seem willing to accept any penalty for pleasure as long as it is far enough in the future.

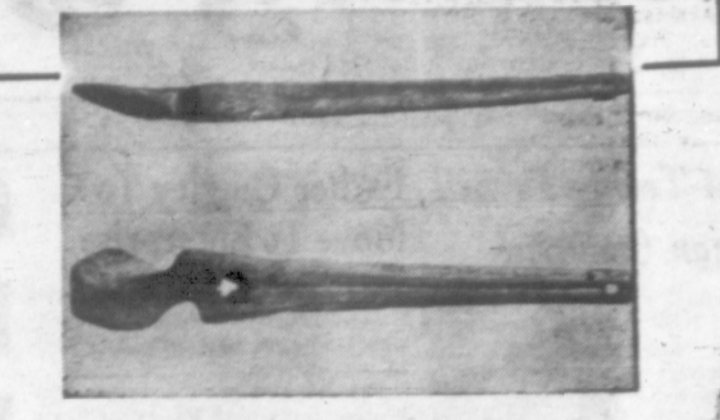
Perhaps a greater danger to the cigarette business is the practice of cigarette makers of diluting the products with shredded stems and rougher tobacco.

LABOR'S PROBLEM

There is concern among labor leaders about the evidence of dishonesty on the part of some union heads and it would be distressing if there was not. It may be that labor leaders are in such position that they need not be mindful of what the public thinks of them, but in the long run they will have to be responsive to the wishes of their own members. An individual like Beck may get along for years by using his personal popularity and his ability to get constant raises. But as a long time practice labor cannot get by if run like a racket.

Certainly labor has followed many of the bad habits that corporations once had, and just as certainly it will have to be curbed unless it reforms. There is no reason why a member of a union should not be protected in his

This Week's HISTORY MYSTERY



Can You Identify This Object?

CLUE: In historic times this device was in use among the Eskimo, the Aztecs, the Australians and others. It was probably brought to the new world by early emigrants from Europe and Asia. Some of them have been discovered in the dry caves of southern Oregon which were formed 7,000 years ago and more.

An extra joint had been added to the arm. Power and effectiveness were increased as though lodged against a piece of bone in the narrow end. The forefinger through the hole and the spearhead, and other large animals. Graped with primitive times to hunt spears into the giant bison. ANSWER: It is an arrow or throwing stick used in primitive times.

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Rufus Personals

Mrs. George Fox
After no meetings of several months, the Rufus grange met Thursday evening August 25 with Master Harland McDonald presiding. Due to the busy season there wasn't too big an attendance.

The master reported he had contacted a house mover to see about moving the old church building over to be an addition on the grange hall. It was discussed and results were that the grange will get it as soon as the work season is over.

David Reid wrote a letter to Rufus grange, thanking them for giving him the 4-H scholarship trip to Corvallis. Sam Brock was elected on the executive committee to fill the absence of Harold Baker who has moved to Cougar, Washington.

McDonald told of his trip to State grange and some incidents of the committees he attended. There was no program on account of the lecturers absence.

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Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Stinson of Coos Bay were over night guests Saturday of the George Fox's.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Jordan accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. George Fox took a trip up to Mt. Hood going via Sherar's grade. After having dinner up on the mountain they visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Darr at Government Camp. Darr operates a ski tow there. Everett and George were classmates at Benke Walker business college thirty years ago. Then the travelers visited the forest camps and lakes around there coming home via of Dufur and The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Blake and daughters returned home after a two week vacation which took them into old Mexico and through California.

Mr. and Mrs. Win Roberts and children Patsy and Bill are spending a few days of their vacation away from Rufus.

Most of the Eugene Eaton family were home over the weekend. They were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Eaton and daughter of Spokane, Wash., Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Eaton of San Francisco and their sister Elaine and husband. Jimmy Fox spent from Tuesday until Sunday visiting the Earl Weatherfords at Olex.

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The undersigned, as administrator of the above named estate, will sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following items of household furniture and appliances, to-wit:

- 1 kitchenette electric cooking stove (Universal)
- 1 oil heating stove (Superflame)
- 1 small electric refrigerator (Frigidaire)
- 1 chrome dinette set (1 table, 4 chairs)
- 3 metal lawn chairs
- 4 wooden chairs
- 1 metal bed, mattress and spring.

Bids must be in writing accompanied by checks, or money, in payment of the amount bid, said bids to be submitted to the undersigned at the office of T. Lester Johnson, Moro, Oregon, not later than September 3, 1957.
Norman E. Fields Administrator 42c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the Estate of Clema A. Allen, deceased, are hereby notified to present them with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Estate of Clema A. Allen, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, Attorney at Law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice to-wit: August 23, 1957.
Agnes Pauline Merritt Executrix 42-5c

T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Executrix

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, her Final Account as Executrix of the Estate of Anna Medler Lee, deceased, and that Monday, the 9th day of September, 1957, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.
Leona F. Smith Executrix

T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Executrix 40-43-c

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his Final Account as Executor of the Estate of Mary F. Smith, also known as Marie F. Smith, deceased, and that Monday, the 9th day of September, 1957, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.
Thomas Barnett Executor

T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Executor 40-3c

From \$50 a Week Job To Head of U S Steel

Ex-School Teacher Came a Long Way Men who make America great No. 1 of a series "Just Ordinary Guy" Avows Blough

By LOUIS JAMES
Is it possible for a \$50-a-week school teacher to become head of a big American corporation? It is, if your name is Roger M. Blough.

Thirty years ago, Blough (rhymes with plow) was teaching history in Hawley, Pennsylvania. Today, he is Chairman of the Board of the \$3 billion United States Steel Corporation, employing 260,000 people.

How did he do it?
Luck and circumstances, says Blough who, at 53, is a six-footer with an easy, relaxed manner, known as a "low-pressure" executive.

Was farm boy
A Pennsylvania farm boy, Blough attended a one-room grade school, worked his way through tiny Susquehanna University in Selingsgrove, Pennsylvania, and then spent three years teaching school.

He left teaching to study law at Yale. Blough's first big break came when he became one of many lawyers employed by U. S. Steel in 1939 during its legal tussle with the Government.

He worked harder, longer and more effectively than most Wall Street law clerks and caught the eye of Ben Fairless, who was President of the Corporation.

Fairless liked his wary, prudent mind, his ability to answer questions with up-to-the-minute facts and assigned him to successively bigger and bigger jobs. Blough worked and studied

hard. In handling the Corporation's complex legal affairs, he learned so rapidly and displayed such good judgment in advising top management he was elected a Director in 1952. In 1955, he took over as Chairman when Benjamin F. Fairless retired at 65.

Says he was lucky
"I'd say I was pretty lucky," Blough admits. "I can't recall any serious reverses. There are times when you seem to be treading water—not going too fast. But you are learning all the time. I don't want to sound Pollyanna-ish, but I've enjoyed all the jobs I ever held, back as far as the days when I was teaching school. There is lots of satisfaction in doing any job well."

But it isn't luck alone that moved a man from obscurity as a small town teacher to head one of the greatest industrial organi-

zations. He has to know what is going on in the world.
One of the architects of U. S. Steel's reorganization and expansion, he is well versed in the intimate facts of American business. His mind is capacious and fact-filled. His modest, careful manner masks a man with important talents. His strength is his thoroughness and ability in analyzing problems.
"He's a hard man to know," a close friend once said. "But once you get to know him he wears like steel."

Lives in New York
Blough lives in New York, is married and has twin daughters attending college. Although he likes to play golf and swim, his hobby is just plain "work."
"I'm just an ordinary guy," he says. "I like to work hard and I like to relax. I go to bed early and get up early. On weekends I go home to Hawley and plant a tree or a flower in my yard."
Blough is optimistic about America's future. "I think this is the best time ever to be young," he maintains. "The industrial and business trend is upward. Our organization, for example, has expanded research fivefold in the past 15 years. Yet we are only beginning.
"Yes, it's a great period for youth," concludes this former schoolteacher, who keeps a constant eye open for young talent to stock his Corporation for the future.

ROGER M. BLOUGH