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## CAR OUTPUT NOW ON INCREASE

### The Interpreter

By S. O. BURGDORF

The Texas legislators simply revel in tax bills. One of the latest introduced proposes to create a state cotton relief fund and it is estimated that it would produce \$30,000,000. Some of the taxes it would impose are: Fifty cents a horsepower on motor vehicles; five cents a quart on ginger ale; an additional cent a gallon on gasoline; 25 per cent on the wholesale cost of radios and a sliding tax, \$500 to \$1500, on cotton exchanges in towns ranging in population from 5000 to more than 15,000. It won't be long until people will begin to refer to the state of Texas as the state of Taxes.

Times are so hard that some of us in our more bitter moments kinda wish we never had got married and we have only one wife. But the depression didn't stop a man up in Minnesota. He took three, one right after the other, and two of them lived right across the street from each other and never knew it. He was a clever chap, you must admit. But they finally got him and now he is where he won't get married again for at least ten years.

There was an old song, the refrain of which was: "The fools are not all dead yet." It was mighty true when this song was popular. It is mighty true now. For instance: An aged couple in Minnesota paid a tombstone salesman—a what a gay business—\$850 for a "youth-restoring wine." How's that for a racket? Then this comes from New York: An aged couple met another elderly couple who introduced them to a "dear friend." This "friend" found a wallet, containing \$300 and race horse tips. The usual thing followed. Bets were made and the winnings amounted to \$300,000. The aged New York couple had to put up \$150,000 to show that they had bet in good faith. They sold all their property, turned the money over to the friend, and that's that.

It is a surprise, not to say a shock to learn that a member of the United States Supreme court has been sued and for a rip-snorting sum, too—\$2,737,468. We don't know that there is anything to do about it but it does make you feel queer. We rather thought that an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court was immune. The suit against Justice Butler is the first of the kind we know of. Perhaps others have been sued. There certainly has been no such case in our short life. Maybe he will resign or be suspended or take a vacation until the case is settled. It would be a most unusual situation were he to lose the suit, brought against him by a woman who asserts that she is the daughter of his late brother. She charges that Justice Butler used undue influence to have her ignored in his brother's will. Well, if he lost the case, would he appeal to the Supreme Court? And if he did appeal could the opposition object to the Supreme Court hearing the case on the ground of being prejudiced because Butler was a fellow member of the Supreme bench? It looks to us as if some ticklish points might develop in this litigation before it ended.

We don't believe that anyone in real life could be so profound as do the doctors look whose pictures are presented in the yeast advertisements. If they don't know it all and if they are not making one of the most solemn announcements since Moses handed down the Ten Commandments then these pictures mislead us and we guess they do. Dr. Morris Fischbein, editor of the Journal of American Medical Association and who conducts one of the finest and most sensible newspaper medical columns, says they do mislead us. He says yeast is all right but that its steady eating, no matter in what quantities, will never accomplish the half that these proud doctors in the ads say it will. Well, we are with Dr. Fischbein. We don't believe that anything could do all that these picture doctors say yeast will do.

### SAYS MEIER PLAN NOT MADE PLAIN BY COMMITTEE

By L. M. SWEET

I have before me an editorial of recent date headed, "A Constructive Plan," which should not go without due criticism inasmuch as it is both deceptive to the public and false in purpose to Gov. Julius Meier. Deceptive, for misleading the public to believe that the recent 40% reduction in the county budget was the product of the so-called Meier committee, when in reality two of the committee of three were not consulted and our friend J. B. Coleman was not even in Jackson county when the chamber of commerce committee met and drafted the same without even so much as investigating the workings or needs of a single county department.

Who would call such a procedure business-like or even a gesture of common sense or fairness. Possibly I am qualified to speak intelligently upon this Meier program, for I understand some of the reductions, (extinctions) are said to have been made to give me all the tax retrenchment I wanted. That I was responsible for the agitation, and Sams Valley Grange apparently ought to be made the "goat." Just who would lead in such a movement? Certainly not a body or committee that attempted to put over a \$235,000 sewer proposal, or raised the city budget \$35,000 and the school budget \$26,000 in the midst of a gigantic panic with distress and bankruptcy on every hand.

Sams Valley Grange always leads the trail blazers of progress, only when Bellview Grange slips in and steals our thunder. But why hide behind a smokescreen and attempt to deceive the public? One editorial speaks of a 25% reduction and another editorial speaks of a 40% reduction and as both are declared to be one and the same, we can readily see how it happened the committee barely miss suffering the travail of bearing twins. What beautiful logic to endorse or justify a raise of \$62,000 in the Medford city budget and demand a \$150,356.86 reduction in county expenditures, or budget.

Personally, I doubt if this committee would recognize the Meier 20% reduction program should they see it coming down the road.

The 20% program was, and is, absolutely feasible and possible without disturbing or interfering with the efficiency of any department, only that more work and less leisure would be required. Vacations of two weeks to each deputy and clerk upon full pay could, and should be eliminated, or the court who is responsible for this "dole" should be obliged to treat their private employees to the same courtesy as they assume for the public purge. Who ever knew of a business firm, corporation or individual to go into a committee of the whole, as this committee, or part committee, did, and figure to the deadline and then go into a tailspin and allow an emergency of \$50,000 for unseen and not needed repairs? Why did the chairman of the committee suffer insomnia and forget all about that committee of twelve Grangers, one from each grange in the county, appointed at his request, to confer and counsel with him and others upon these problems of county governmental affairs? We are nearly, if not overwhelmingly, horrified, to think anyone who had ever sat down to one of our Pomona repasts should be tempted to scorn our superior intellectual advice. I also have before me the latest revised proposed county budget, 17.3% reduction over 1931, and I again call the attention of our Honorable County Court to the reforms, via, of consolidation and reductions demanded by Pomona Grange, which would easily reach the 20% Meier program, and do much toward relieving the dissatisfaction and animosity prepatting so universally amongst the taxpayers.

### The One Day Convention Was Great Success

The one-day convention for this district was held at the Central Point Christian church last Friday, the 13th.

The chairman of the day was W. F. Trner of Seattle, nationally known. With him on the "team" of speakers were C. F. Swander of Portland, state secretary; Howard McConnell, pastor at Corvallis; Mrs. Shoemaker, state secretary of Women's Missionary societies; and Alexander Paul, pioneer missionary to China.

The addresses were very educational and inspirational, as well as highly entertaining.

Delegates from Medford, Grants Pass, Ashland and Klamath Falls were present, and a good local representation.

A duet by Mrs. Young and Rev. Millard was highly complimented by the speakers and delegates.

Luncheon at noon was served at the church by the local women and a banquet at the Grange hall in the evening. The closing speeches were made around the table that night.

The spirit of the convention was exceptionally helpful and gratifying to all.

### LOCALS

Gerald Morris has resigned his position with B. P. Thiess and Co. to take up the management of a confectionery store in Jacksonville. "Good luck, Smoky."

Oren Cooksey, who has been incapacitated for work for a month or more with a broken wrist, is again at his post in his barber shop.

Frank Adams, who has been confined to his bed the past three months, is now able to sit up during the day.

Mrs. H. F. Preabst left Saturday for the Little Applegate, where she spent the week end with Mrs. Virtue.

C. B. Stevens of Evans Creek country, was trading in Central Point early Wednesday morning. He stated the rainfall in that section was plenty, with snow on the foothills.

C. E. Martin, west of town, moved into the G. S. Hitzler residence on Ash and First streets, Tuesday.

Rolly M. Conley killed two bears on Elk Butte Creek one day last week. He shipped them to the Half Moon Fruit and Produce company, San Francisco.

That the county court should ignore the grange proposals but place them in an attitude of arrogance to the public weal and enkindle a spirit of hostility that our county "daddies" cannot afford to assume at this time. That the masses can be pacified by a so-called "happy medium," if bestowed timely, and ere the spirit of reversion gains momentum in the human heart. I am prone to urge their attentions—"Be wise unto salvation, for now is the appointed time." There should be no geographical dividing lines, as in the 40% budget, neither should one section be built up on the smoldering embers of another section.

Political favoritism is but a firebrand to poison the public pulse and cannot be substituted for justice.

Public office is but a public trust, and he who fails to conceive his duty as a public servant cannot ultimately escape the wrath of the gods. That the world as never before is suffering a panic of more than a plenty, while millions of her humans are shivering from chilling blasts and crying out in anguish, "Give me and mine, our daily bread," cannot long endure, but the scepter of human freedom shall fall and sever the thread of national peace and tranquility.

INDEED DEMOCRACY IS UPON TRIAL—WHAT SHALL OUR VEDICT BE?

### Industry Must Supply Dealers With New Cars

Automobile Shows Call For 200,000 Cars For January Show—Buick Doubling Product, Ford Rehirg, Oakland Follows.

DETROIT, Mich., Nov. 17.—The Free Press says the automobile industry will produce approximately \$120,000,000 worth of new cars in the next 60 days and that thereafter production will proceed at an even faster pace.

Operations during the next eight months, the paper says, will be at levels ranging upward from 25 per cent above those of the last two months.

"The leanest period of probably considerably more than a decade is declared to be definitely passed," the paper says, giving leaders of the automobile business, bankers, economists and business men of other lines as its authority.

"For immediate needs the automobile industry will have to produce at least 200,000 cars between now and the opening of the National Automobile Show in New York, January 9," the paper says.

This figure, it explains, is based upon new car requirements of a four-car average for each of the 50,000

dealers, which, the paper says, is conservative.

The Free Press says Buick started its new car production early in October, and at the end of the month had accelerated output to more than 400 cars a day, with an expected average of 800 cars a day for November.

"The Ford Company," the paper continues, "is expected to recall 4000 of its former employees this week."

"During the last 10 days the company is said to have been taking on approximately 1000 former employees daily, with the prospect that by December 1 manufacturing operations will have attained somewhat more normal proportions."

The paper reports Plymouth on a full-time basis, the Chevrolet Motor Company planning to go on full capacity in December and the Oakland Company expecting to have its plants fully under way by December 1. A comparable situation prevails thru the balance of the industry, the paper says.

### Discover Book Telling of Lake 45 years Ago

Recalling the time when facts concerning Crater Lake were vague to the general public, C. H. Howell of Medford has in his possession a copy of Edison's Handy Encyclopedia containing a description of Southern Oregon's scenic wonder. The book is over 45 years old and its description, faint as it is, was probably in keeping with the general knowledge of the lake at that time.

Since then, it has been established as a national park, attracted 176,000 visitors last season and is now known in all parts of the world.

The description is as follows: "In the Cascade mountains, about 75 miles northeast of Jacksonville, Ore., the seeker for the curious will find the Great Sunken Lake, the deepest lake in the world. This lake rivals the famous valley of Sinbad the Sailor. It is said to average 2000 feet down to the water on all its sides. The depth of the water is unknown and its surface is as smooth and untruffled as a mammoth sheet of glass, it being so far below the mountain rim as to be unaffected by the strongest winds.

"It is about 13 miles in length and about 4 1/2 wide. For unknown ages it has lain still, silent and mysterious in the bosom of this great mountain range, like a gigantic trench scooped out by the hands of a giant genie. A hunting and surveying party recently left Jacksonville with the intention of ascertaining the exact depth of this mysterious body of water and to find out, if possible, whether or not fish are to be found within its ghostly precincts."

Judge William G. Steel, Crater Lake National Park Commissioner, recalls the visit of the Jacksonville party and the fact that the bottom could not be determined, so sounding cord only a few hundred feet in length was used. There were no fish in the lake until 1885 when a few were planted by Judge Steel after a long and arduous task.

The lake far from resembles a trench and instead of being 13 miles in length, it is six miles in diameter with a shore line of approximately 26 miles.

### The Churches

CHRISTIAN CHURCH  
D. E. Millard, Pastor  
Bible School and Morning Worship at 10 o'clock.

Christian Endeavor at 7 p. m.  
Junior Choir, 4 o'clock, Thursday.

Attendance is greatly increasing at all services. The two largest classes in the Bible School, the women's class taught by Mrs. Bursell, and the high school class taught by Mrs. Young, almost fill one section of pews.

Special music is arranged for each service and is appreciated by all.

Thirty-four young people enjoyed a fine meeting in Christian Endeavor last Sunday evening.

Next Friday the Mission Circle will meet at the home of Mrs. Edward Jones for an all-day meeting. Covered dish dinner will be served at noon. Quitting will be enjoyed before the regular meeting at 2:30.

Mr. Millard's class of men is organizing a Men's Forum which will hold its first meeting the evening of December 6. Supper will be served by the women's class. All men of the community are invited.

### THE FEDERATED CHURCHES

Central Point, Oregon  
J. M. Johnson, Pastor

"Paul in Rome" is the title of the lesson in the Bible school this week. We should read of the voyage to Rome also; and all of the 28th chapter of the Acts. Our school opens at 9:45 sharp, and you are welcome.

Two groups of young people are meeting at 8:30 each Sunday evening, and a good time of devotion, inspiration and instruction is enjoyed. All young people are invited to attend these services.

"The Responsibility of the Church in Service" will be the subject which the pastor will use in the morning service; and "A Preview of the Church" will be the evening topic. Will you try to be with us and join in the fellowship of song and sermon?

The Church of Christ meets every Sunday on West M in street, Central Point. You are welcome.  
10:30 a. m. Regular worship.  
7:30 p. m. Praise meeting.

Joseph Millard has lumber on the ground for the erection of a new dwelling on lots he recently purchased of Tom Belcher.

### More Fence More Dogs Prosperity

The newspaper press dispatches are bringing the cheery and hopeful news that the "depression is over," as is indicated by the advance in prices of cotton and wheat, steel stock advanced three points, General Motors and Ford five points. This is comforting of course, but farmers and the unemployed fail to notice any material prosperity in sight. But Ted Moravia, who owns a farm north of town, offers the most convincing argument, indisputable evidence of returning prosperity. His "impression" of the disappearance of depression is based on the following facts: "Whereas he and his neighbor farmers have had only one wire around their farms in the past and owned only one dog, now have two wires stretched around their farms and each have two dogs, in some cases the farmer has two instead of one cow, a larger flock of chickens, and in one particular case, twins in the home."

### Pigskin Will Scream When Teams Meet

One of the outstanding football games of the season for southern Oregon will be Saturday's feature at the Medford high school field, when Gene Murphy's "Fighting Irish," from Columbia University, Portland, meet Coach MacNeill's SONS from the Ashland Normal, under the sponsorship of Medford Post of the American Legion. Both teams are primed for the coming contest, which promises to be both spectacular and hard-fought.

The Medford game will mark the first clash between these two outstanding eleven, and will begin promptly at 2:00 p. m. on Saturday of this week. The Columbia team, recent conquerors of the strong Whitman College aggregation, has been rounding into fine form during the past three weeks, after having been defeated twice in early season games. The Ashland Normal team, although tied twice this season, is as yet undefeated, and has been scored upon only once, in a game with Humboldt Teachers' College. They aim to finish the season with a record of no defeats and will be in prime shape for Saturday's game.

Gene Murphy's outfit is one of the outstanding examples of Notre Dame system, the coach himself having been under the tutelage of Knute Rockne for a number of years. This will be southern Oregon's only opportunity to witness the Rockne system in action, and against what promises to be exceptionally strong competition.

Reports from the Normal School indicate that "Pal" Lancaster, stellar halfback, will be in the starting lineup Saturday, having been on the bench since the game with Albany College, when he was injured. The remainder of the Normal team is reported in fine condition, practically all of the players who were injured in previous games being well on the way to recovery.

The Legion committee in charge of the game has announced that only 500 reserved grandstand seats are available for the game, and tickets may be obtained by writing to the Legion Football committee, Medford. Popular prices of \$1.00 and 75c will prevail for this outstanding athletic event.

### MRS. WILBUR RECOVERING

Mrs. R. F. Wilbur of Nogales, Ariz., daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Johnson, who was critically ill last week, is very much improved at this writing. All are hopeful of continued improvement and a speedy recovery. Her husband was called to her bedside last week, and is doing his part now in rejoicing over the brighter outlook.

### Social Event Was Shower Shoe Laden

Mrs. Everett Faber and Mrs. H. P. Jewett were hostesses at the Jewett home Wednesday evening at a shower given in honor of Mrs. Geo. Lowe.

The motif for the evening was the portrayal of nursery rhymes. Miss Marjorie Jewett spoke from a large shoe the "Old Woman Who Lived in a Shoe," and Little Bo Peep.

A wide assortment of delightful gifts were placed in the shoe. Games were played during the evening, using nursery rhymes as a subject.

Scores were kept during the evening and Mrs. Murphy won first prize and Mrs. Earl Lever second prize.

Guests invited were: Mesdames T. P. Tollefson, Al Tollefson, D. M. Lowe, D. R. Hill, Jewel Lowe, George Lowe, Mae Richardson, Gladys Hansen, Ester Murphy, Ted Hill, L. C. Green, Kenneth Denman, R. M. Wyatt, Earl Lever, Misses Lottie Franklin, Alice Seabrook, Arlene Hay.

### Local Grange Holds Interesting Business Session

Central Point Grangers enjoyed a very good program at the last meeting. A one-act comedy was presented by members of the Central Point high school paper staff. The cast of characters included:

Elizabeth Fielescher—Grace Brown.  
Bessie Milton—Clara Smith.  
Ruth Turpin—Anne Howe.  
Donald Snyder—Fred Howe.  
John Smith—Alec Smith.  
Champ Pitts—Mr. Brown.

Following the play Rev. D. E. Millard, accompanied by Mrs. Young, sang. He then led the Grangers in group singing. The Grange orchestra also played several selections.

After the program the business of the evening was taken up, and two candidates were elected to membership in the Grange.

Arnold Hohbert was appointed as chairman of the committee to prepare a float for the Armistice Day parade. They decorated a very appropriate horse-drawn float for the adult Grange and entered a float for Central Point's rapidly growing juvenile Grange.

A meeting of the 3rd and 4th degree teams was called for Nov. 16.

The Business and Professional Women's banquet which was to have been held at the Grange hall Nov. 19, has been postponed indefinitely.

Home Economics club met at the Grange hall Nov. 16 to do so-called cleaning and to make plans for Thanksgiving day. All Grangers with their families and friends are invited to bring a basket dinner and spend Thanksgiving together at the Central Point Grange hall.

Mrs. Gregory announced that the following would serve as the refreshment committee for Nov. 20:

Mr. and Mrs. Katy, Judge Sparrow, Mr. and Mrs. Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Will Wright, Leonard Freeman, John Brenner, John Fedlmarys and Dr. Joan.

A very good quarterly report was given for the H. E. club by Georgia Pruitt.

The Grange has an exceedingly active Home Economics club and is very proud of them.

The Girls' League of the high school under the direction of Mrs. Ross will serve a dinner Friday evening, Dec. 4, in the home economics room. Proceeds from the dinner are to be used for filling Christmas boxes for needy families of Central Point. It is hoped that a very large number of Central Point people will attend the dinner and help the Girls' League in their program of helping others. The price of the dinner will be 50 cents. A smaller fee will be charged for children under six years of age.

Lloyd Cline is clerking in B. P. Thiess & Co.'s store.