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Announcement that President Roosevelt is to begin a stump-speaking tour immediately after Congress adjourns in an effort to recapture some of his popularity with the masses of the people has definitely established that the next Presidential campaign will be underway long before next Spring. The President's swing, coupled with the renewed activity by the Republicans, marks the beginning of what probably will be the most historic campaign this country has known in many years—probably since Woodrow Wilson went down to defeat on his League of Nations issue.

In this connection, the White House secretariat was quick to follow its announcement of the President's tour with a denial that there is any parallel with President Wilson's tour to find they stood with the Senate. Mr. Roosevelt's lieutenants point out that he does not stand defeated on the whole at the hands of Congress, as did President Wilson when he began his "swing around the circle."

There is no doubt that Mr. Roosevelt's first speech in Milwaukee will be watched closely by political observers for any further hints that he intends to make the amendment of the Constitution to curtail State's Rights the major issue of the campaign. Not only will Republicans be waiting, but so will many Southern Democrats who reputedly have already slipped a number of warnings to the White House to keep away from the Constitution and the Supreme Court as issues. There is too much of a threat there of a split in party ranks, they point out, with Senator Moore of New Jersey, Byrd of Virginia, and others within the President's own party already on record as opposed to such a campaign. Despite these warnings, which would make it difficult for some Democrats to get back on the bandwagon, Mr. Roosevelt has given no hint he has backed up on his indications that he does not intend to let Constitutional difficulties stand in the way of his determination to centralize control of local affairs more closely in Washington.

This apparent decision to push ahead despite admonitions from Democratic leaders that the support of the country is slipping away from the reform legislation is best shown by the tossing of the taxation message to the Capitol unexpectedly. Probably never were the spokesmen of a President in Congress more surprised than when they were ordered to drive through a tax bill before adjournment.

As one observer pointed out, attempts to balance the budget can only be made in the light of expenditures for the coming year, and these will not be compiled until December. Even then, it is not possible to raise enough taxes by any means to balance the budget so long as billions of dollars are pouring out for relief and "made work" projects. For instance, even were it possible to drain another billion dollars in taxation off of the people today, the budget still would be billions of dollars out of balance with the constant threat of an impairment of the national credit.

It is not generally realized that the present tax rates are already producing larger revenues than the government received in any year from 1923 to 1928. They were nearly 80 per cent larger this year than in 1922; they have produced \$3.70 this year for every \$2.10 they produced in 1922. The trouble with the budget, therefore, is not in the tax rates. The trouble is in the expenditures and in the fact that business is only partially recovered. A recovery which makes possible a reduction of expenses will also, without raising the tax rates, increase the revenue. On the other hand, no matter how high the tax rate, revenues cannot be greatly increased without greater business activity.

"If the Administration will concentrate on recovery it can readily balance the budget," says Walter Lippman, nationally known writer on economic subjects. "If it will not concentrate on recovery, it will not balance the budget by merely raising the rates."

Postmasters Plan State Convention

The Oregon branch of the League of District Postmasters will meet in convention Friday and Saturday, July 26 and 27, at Coquille, according to an announcement made recently. The Postmasters' association will hold a joint session with the league. The league is the organization for postmasters of the third and fourth class offices, while the association is for postmasters in charge of first and second class offices. The convention program includes a school of instruction at which inspectors and department heads will answer questions on postoffice matters.

There is nothing better in the world than a good wife, but we should not accumulate a half dozen of them.



Miss Anna Lasich, who is leaving for an extended vacation trip in the north. Courtesy of the Journal

Legal Requirements For Voting on Grade School Bond Election

Any citizen of this state, male or female, who is 21 years of age and has resided in the district thirty days immediately preceding the meeting or election and has property (real or personal) in the district, AS SHOWN ON THE LAST COUNTY ASSESSMENT on which he or she is liable or subject to pay a tax, shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting or BOND ELECTION, provided further, that any person shall be deemed to have complied with the property qualification imposed, who presents to the directors or judges of election satisfactory evidence that he or she has stock, shares or ownership in any corporation, firm, or co-partnership which has property in the district, as shown by the last county assessment, and on which such corporation, firm, or co-partnership pays a tax, even though his or her individual name does not appear upon the tax roll.

Four Lane Highway will Be Continued Thru Tigard

A committee from the Tigard Lions club headed by W. E. Upshaw called on Mr. Cabell, of the state highway department, regarding the continuance of the four lane highway thru Tigard. Mr. Cabell informed the delegation the funds were available for this purpose but the work would probably not be done until next year.

Miss Gladys McLeod Married at Hillsboro

Miss Gladys McLeod, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. McLeod, was married Sunday, July 14, at the Methodist Church in Hillsboro, to R. H. Busch, in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

Mrs. Busch is a former resident of Beaverton and a graduate of the local high school. She has been a stenographer in the court house for several years. Mr. Busch is a deputy sheriff of Washington county. They will make their home in Hillsboro.

Economy Is the Tune

Those who pay the fiddler name the tune.

In school district 48 the tax payers have been dancing pretty lively last fifteen years trying to pay for "Wild Cat Music"—in fact the music has been so hot the poor farmers have worn out their shoes and some have lost their farms—while others in order to save their hides have taken out government loans—and here is why taxes came in "pretty good" past year. In order to obtain said loan—all back taxes had to be paid up—but now there is a mortgage on the farm—the money is spent and hard times is still with us.

If this is a "good time" to build brick buildings when we don't need them for three or four years—why not the school directors build themselves brick residences—when they already have good homes! Yes taxpayers the time has arrived when we must reduce taxes or go to the poor house—and we are going to change the tune to "Economy" on July 24 or change fiddlers.

Vote NO—on \$25,000 school bond issue. Vote NO—on \$3,200 new site budget.

COURT ASKED TO NULLIFY SALE OF LAND BY COUNTY
Suit to nullify sale of 12 acres of land for taxes by Washington county and Sheriff J. W. Connell was filed in the county circuit court late Saturday by Merle G. Campbell, receiver for the Empire Holding company. Defendants named included the county, the sheriff and Mr. and Mrs. William J. Enschede, purchaser of the land.

Save Your Home on July 24-Vote No on Bond Issue

Taxpayers Must Decide Own Fate As to Additional School Tax Burden

Many a resident of school district 48 will remove a serious tax hazard on their home, by going to the polls, Wednesday, July 24th and vote NO on the proposed \$25,000 bond issue for a new grade school which the school board publicly admitted would not be needed for three or four years. Every taxpayer will sure need to save his dollars in the period just ahead of us.

The cold-blooded facts are appalling nevertheless, the greatest pyramid of taxation in the annals of American history will be at its peak in the next few years. At present district 48 is in debt \$20,000, this year \$5,000 will be paid off. \$5,000 for the next three years and the slate will be clean, but if the \$25,000 bond issue carries—then it will take five more years or eight consecutive years \$5,000, each, at 15 mills, plus additional cost of equipment and maintenance of an unnecessary grade school building.

Mr. Taxpayer, do you want to put your nose to the grindstone for the next 8 years for a 15 mill school tax or shall we adopt the better policy—Vote NO!—get out of school debt, reduce millage and save your home? You can decide your own fate, by voting next Wednesday, July 24, at the Beaverton high school. The polls are open from 2 in the afternoon until 7 in the evening. Also on July 24, at 8 p. m., go again to the high school and Vote NO! on the "new budget," it contains \$3200 for the new school site. If somebody has land to sell—why should the taxpayer buy? We must "clean house" July 24, don't come alone, bring your neighbor.

County Postmasters Form Organization

Postmasters of Washington County formed an organization on July 12 holding their first meeting at Hillsboro. The following officers were elected: Fred Holzner, of Hillsboro, president; Thos. R. Roe of Gaston, vice-president; Edw. Allen of Forest Grove, treasurer; and Neta Day of Beaverton, secretary. Dr. E. T. Hedlund, postmaster of Portland, assisted in forming the organization and R. L. Russell, assistant postmaster of Portland, gave an interesting talk. A large percent of Washington County postmasters will attend the state convention which will be held at Coquille, Oregon, on July 26th and 27th.

E. W. Reeves to Open Sandwich Shop, Sept. 1

The property at the intersection of the Canyon road and the Beaverton highway at the east end of town, has been leased by E. W. Reeves, well known Beaverton resident. Construction will start soon on a building to be known as the Brown Mug Diner. A high class sandwich and coffee shop. The latest equipment will be installed to assure patrons quick service. Mr. Reeves expects to open for business about September 1st.

St. Marys Big Taxpayers

The biggest taxpayers on farm property in Washington county is St. Mary's Home. Over sixty per cent of their taxes are school taxes for district 48.

Here is a non-profit institution trying to take care of the orphans of an education. Yet they have an enormous tax burden to carry—is this justice?

Announcement

As the health of your former Watkins man, C. J. Rose, prohibits him from working, his place will be taken by Dan A. Jones of Tigard. Hoping to serve you in the future with Watkins products as well as you have been in the past.

DAN A. JONES

HARRY M. SUMMERS

Harry M. Summers passed away Friday, July 12, at the age of 69 years, following a paralytic stroke on Thursday. He had been in poor health for several months.

Mr. Summers was born in Morris, Illinois, January 10, 1866, and moved with his parents to Dakota when 16 years old where he lived for nine years coming to Portland in 1891. A short time later coming to Beaverton where he has since resided. He leaves two sisters, Mrs. Hortense Keith, of La Center, Wash., and Mrs. Ed Keith, Oso, Wash., and a brother John Summers of Beaverton. Funeral services were held Monday at Pegg's chapel with interment in Crescent Grove cemetery.

Economy is the best tonic during these hard times and the wise policy is to lighten the burden of the taxpayers.

Noted Runner Catches a Bride



William A. Bonthron, former Princeton track captain and one of the outstanding middle distance runners of the century, and his bride, who was Marion McLennan Lineaweaver of Montreal, Quebec. They were married at Princeton.

Independent Bankers of Oregon Organize Own Association at Salem

An organization to be known as the "Independent Bankers of Oregon" was formed at a meeting held in Salem recently. Present were 50 independent bankers from 30 different cities, including Beaverton, Tigard, Hillsboro and Sherwood.

Independent bankers are those who are not branch bankers, and the purpose of the organization is said by the officers to be merely for the purpose of meeting occasionally and discussing matters of peculiar interest to themselves in which branch bankers would not be concerned.

Officers were elected by the executive committee as follows: President, C. E. Williamson, vice-president, G. T. Wadsworth; secretary and treasurer, William C. Christensen, Hillsboro.

Method of Selecting A New School Site

The District Board must call a meeting, at some convenient time and place fixed by the board to vote upon the question of selection and purchase of the site. Said election shall be conducted and votes canvassed in the same manner as at the annual election of school officers. The majority of the voters present at such a meeting by vote will select a school house site, which shall be purchased by the district board of directors.

Mrs. Phoebe Olds Observes 88th Birthday Anniversary

Mrs. Phoebe Olds, mother of Sam Olds, observed her 88th birthday anniversary Monday at a family gathering. Guests included her aunt, Mrs. Edith Livengood Whitley of Indiana, and six of her children, also five late past 88 years old.

Places were laid at the birthday dinner for 22 guests. The table was graced with three large birthday cakes, which were gifts of relatives. She also received many lovely presents. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Olds were among those present.

60% of Land Grant Claims for 1933 to be Paid

The Commissioner of the General Land Office has notified Congressmen James W. Mott that the amount accumulated in the Oregon and California land-grant fund is now sufficient to pay 60% of the claims of the several counties in Oregon for the year 1933 and that certification on June 24th was made to the Secretary of the Treasury on that basis. The amount found due Washington county for the year 1933 as reimbursement for tax loss sustained thru the reversion of O. & C. land in the Federal government is \$2,699.73. Multnomah county has a claim of \$2,726.65.

The claims of Counties for 1934 will not be considered until payments for the year 1933 have been made in full. Claims for 1934 may, however, be filed at this time. The Congressmen was informed that eleven counties have filed their 1934 claims.

Where Water Lilies Grow

Sunset road between the two highways at the home of R. E. Baldwin, is one of the finest collections of water lilies in Washington county. The pond is bordered with rocks, a row boat and miniature light house provides marine features.

LOSES HORSE

Al Pensanti, residing on the beaverton north O. E. tracks, lost a bay mare Saturday on account of the extreme heat.

National Forest Fire Regulations Are Announced

U. S. Forest Department Asks Full Cooperation of Summer Campers

Cooperating with the states in forest fire prevention, regional forester C. J. Buck announces the following regulations effective July 1, on the twenty national forests of Oregon and Washington.

1. No campfire without a permit from a forest officer unless the fire is in a safe stove or at a forest camp where notices are posted that no campfires permits are required.
2. No smoking while traveling in timber, brush, or grass areas, except on paved or surfaced highways.
3. All camp outfits must include a shovel not less than 36 inches long with a blade not less than 8 inches wide; an axe not less than 2 pounds in weight or with handle less than 26 inches long; and a bucket of at least a gallon capacity. It is pointed out that these items are generally part of a normal motor or pack outfit for the woods but that campers should see that they are not omitted from the list.

Under stricter closure provisions special fire hazard areas within the national forests are closed to entry except with permit issued by the local forest officer. Such permit, however, is not required of any actual settler going to and from his home. Such districts of special fire hazard include dense snag areas, windfalls, and similar danger areas within the Columbia and Mount Baker national forests in Washington; and the Mount Hood and Willamette national forests in Oregon.

By State proclamation similar closure regulations have been made effective for special fire hazard areas within and adjacent to the Mount Hood national forest (Oregon) on the South Fork of the Clackamas and the Mud Creek districts; within the Willamette National forest (Oregon) on the North Santiam, Seven Mile Hill, North Fork of the Willamette, Portland Creek Burn, and South Fork of the McKenzie districts; and within and adjacent to the Columbia national forest, Washington on the old burn, west and north of Skamania County.

Full cooperation from the public is asked by the U. S. forest service for the summer fire prevention campaign. "From 60 to 70% of our forest fires are man caused," said C. J. Buck. "They are mainly caused by careless smokers and campers. This carelessness is not intentional, but it is nevertheless exacting a tremendous toll each year from Oregon and Washington. It is destroying merchantable timber, despoiling fish and game areas, and marring the scenic beauty that attracts visitors to our Western States. It is robbing the citizens of this region of their birthright. It is devastating hundreds of thousands of acres of logged off land each year, destroying the young growth which is the only hope of our communities for continued timber pay rolls when the old stands are exhausted."

Why Not a New Lobby Deal?

Another lobby investigation! How interesting! But why not save the time and money? The Senate knows who the lobbyists are. They are always being investigated, and nothing done about it. It would be simple to write each of them a nice letter, or an engraved invitation might answer—something like this:

"The Senate invites you to join in the annual lobby exposure of new deal rackets, gifts from Santa Claus, public works contracts; tax burdens, death sentences; the Wagner, wagon, bus, truck and choo-choo bills; also the power of mind over matter as evidenced by the acceptance of the Glass banking bill in place of the must bill from the White House. The timely Supreme Court decision is final—cut that out. Other incidents of the hysterical age must be confined to ten words. Come to the point as you can't tell us anything we don't know about Washington lawyers and mystery men. Congress has decided to balance the budget as soon as Europe pays its debts, and for thrift-sake don't mess up the Congressional Record with your confession. Make it snappy!"

Every lobbyist in Washington would grab the chance to get his share of the free advertising. And maybe, it would make the Record worth reading. That's about as far as such investigations usually go, anyway.—U. S. Press Assn.

Unemployment Relief Gets Liquor Relief

A total of \$2,545,727.47 of the \$5,500,000 appropriated by the legislature for unemployment relief, to be secured from liquor revenues, has been turned over to the state relief committee, Secretary of State Snell reported. Washington county apportionment was \$77,208.12, while Multnomah county received \$862,642.10.