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Get Facts about "Sales" Before Casting Ballot

Voters are urged to read and understand the sales tax measure before casting a ballot on the measure. In truth and in fact it is NOT a sales tax—but a tax on GROSS INCOME. If you read the bill carefully you will not find a single word of authority for a merchant to collect the tax from a purchaser.

A merchant may make purchasers pay the 2% or 1% of 1% tax by

1. Concealing the tax in price of merchandise, or

2. By attempting to collect it on cost of merchandise sold which is doubtful.

But there is NO authority in the bill for a SCHEDULE of penny taxes on purchases as there was in the 1933 (special session) sales tax, defeated in May, 1934.

ALSO—Proceeds of the tax on gross income (some staple food-stuffs exempted) go entirely to Old Age Pensions. It does not DIRECTLY reduce property taxes.

PROPERTY owners, taxpayers, should bear in mind that property taxes MUST continue either to pay for PENSIONS or RELIEF, if the sales tax is approved, or rejected.

The Blue Eagle Still Lives

The NRA took another step toward complete oblivion the other day, informing 1,200 of its employees they would be off the payroll January 1. That left only (?) 1,100 workers whose job is to:

1. Watch the administration of codes for nine industries (there used to be upward of 500);

2. Draft material for presentation to Congress to show what happened under NRA.

The code administration job is a small one, for the agreements cover only wholesale tobacco, braided non-elastic industry, solid braided cord asbestos manufacturing, expanding and special paper products, rock and slag wool manufacturing, asphalt shingle roofing, candle manufacturing and fertilizer manufacturing.

That should give the 1,100 employees ample time to draw up a nice picture for presentation to Congress before the NRA's reprieve expires January 15. Even so a lot of legislators will wonder about the big improvement in business since the Supreme Court sustained the Blue Eagle's death sentence.

How's Business?

Incomes of automotive workers in 1935 will be nearly 30 per cent higher than last year. The total 1934 payroll was \$322,073,000; that for 1935 will be around \$411,694,000.

The Federal Reserve Board's last monthly index shows business generally, discounting the seasonal fall rise, stood at 94 per cent of normal in October compared with 85 in May. The 1923-25 average is 100.

Production of steel is heading toward a new high since 1930. Commerce Department estimates forecasting a total around 30 per cent above last year. Meanwhile, wage scales are equal to or above the 1929 level.

Wool sales, standard supervisory service reports were 7,390,000 pounds in October, exceeding 7,000,000 pounds for the first time since 1923.

The National Industrial Conference Board finds that the value of world trade in the third quarter of 1935 was 2.5 per cent higher than last year.

More Rats Than People

A single rat does far less harm in a year than one of the larger mammals, such as a lion, tiger or wolf; but the larger mammals of prey are comparatively few in number, while rats are exceedingly abundant. North America, or any other continent, has probably as many rats as people—possibly two or three times as many. The destruction wrought by this vast horde of rodents is far greater than that wrought by lions, tigers, wolves and all other noxious mammals together.

Overcoming Faults

It is not so much being free from faults and imperfections as overcoming them that is an advantage to us; it being with follies and weaknesses and errors, as with the weeds of a field, which, if destroyed on the soil where they grow, enrich and improve it, more than if they had never sprung up there.

Dave Levine

Wishes everyone a Happy and Prosperous New Year

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Being Rewarded for His Treachery



The duke of Bergamo, nephew of the king of Italy, hands a reward to an Ethiopian chieftain who, with his followers, deserted his emperor, Haile Selassie, and went over to the Italian side.

Townsend Sees Full Control 3 Years Hence

San Francisco—Townsend plan advocates will have "their own president" in the White House after November, 1936, and full control over congress, Dr. Francis Everett Townsend, the plan's softspoken and utterly unruffled founder, predicted to the United Press as he passed thru San Francisco en route to Northern California where he was due today.

Within three years the Townsend plan will be in operation nationally, he said.

"Certainly we are planning a third party," he added.

"In three years, not much longer than that, all eligible people over 60 years of age will be receiving and spending \$200 a month allowance," Dr. Townsend said.

"After the November, 1936 election," he continued, "we'll have our own president in the White House. And even if we fail—we won't, mind you—we'll have full control over congress and the Townsend plan will be adopted no matter who is president."—Sunday Journal.

Believed in "Cramp" Kings

From the Fifteenth to the Twentieth century England believed in the efficacy of cramp rings—finger rings that would prevent cramps after they had been blessed by the king. Faith in these rings increased so rapidly that the blessing was no longer needed, and millions were sold for other ailments such as rheumatism, epilepsy and fits. As late as 1912, "Genuine Anti-Rheumatic Rings" were advertised in English farm magazines.—Collier's Weekly.

Volga Longest

The Volga river is the longest in Europe, 2,300 miles long and draining an area more than twice the size of Texas, and passes the doors of the nightest cities in Russia—Nishni-Novgorod, Kazan, Saratov, Samara, Perm, Ulanovsk and the ancient town of Astrakhan.

New Boondoggling Project

The Honorable James A. Farley pastmaster general and the Democratic party boss, said sarcastically the other day that "big business" will help build up a "huge fund" for use against the New Deal administration in elections next year.

Which led some Washington wise-crackers to remark that here was an opportunity for a new Harry L. Hopkins boondoggling project. The idea: Install a giant bell in the Capitol dome and keep a gang of men on three eight-hour shifts to ring it merrily every time "Genial Jim" turns down a campaign contribution from any source.

Needless to say, the bell-ringers would have no more work to do than a lot of Hopkins' other boondogglers.

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And with such resolve carry with you our sincere good wish that 1936 may be a happy year for you and yours.



R. W. Lemen, President

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And goes and whispers down a well
Is not so likely to collar the dollars
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