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THE NORMAL SCHOOL BOYCOTT!

Thrift is an enviable ambition, but not at someone else's expense. Students of Southern Oregon Normal school who have threatened "reprisals" and a boycott against the Lithia theater here if Manager Lee Ryan does not grant them special student prices are not only ahead of themselves, but are adopting the most impractical method of reaching their goal.

In the first place, we fail to see exactly why a student over 12 years of age should be given special admission price concessions other than because they want cut rates. And, as far as special prices are concerned, all of us would like to be able to save a nickel here and there.

The normal students would be better advised if they would quiet down and take stock of themselves rather than boisterously attempt to tell a theater manager how to run his house.

Conscientious collegians must admit that many of their ranks constitute the least desirable class of theater patrons. A number of them delight in hooting, hissing, jeering and cutting up in general—much to their own amusement and very decidedly to the discomfort of others in the house. Most, of course, behave like ladies and gentlemen, but not enough of them.

About the only motive any business man could have for granting students special rates would be an altruistic one, and launching a boycott hardly could be calculated to stir that emotion into fruition for Ashland's collegians.

OH, YES, YES, BUT NOT NOW!

One of the weakest, if not the most anemic, of arguments against the proposed supreme court changes is being advanced by those who slyly "agree" with the need for revision and modernization of the high court, but then add a final clincher against Mr. Roosevelt's plan by saying, "Yes, but not now."

The more we hear and read of arguments against the injection of younger blood into the rheumatic body of supreme jurisprudence the more convinced are we that the president is sponsoring an important improvement for the welfare of the people.

We agree wholeheartedly with opponents of the supreme court change, and admit that their arguments are sound and are worthy of consideration—but not now!

AND STILL THEY TAKE BOWS!

A few newspaper still are deeply concerned with their alibis about why the last national election so completely reversed about 70 per cent of the daily publication.

Many and ludicrous are interpretations of the upset offered in rebuttal to the obvious fact that Mr. Voter just plain ignored their views and reacted the wrong way. How the journals can continue harping

LIFE'S BYWAYS!

GOSH PAWS WHY DON'TCHA SELL OUT THA DARN PLACE - NUTHIN' EVER GROWS OUT HERE!



on the subject (there was another one busy at it this week) and insist that they served a great American cause by being against what the people wanted stretches a wild imagination to understand.

Fact of the matter is that most large newspapers, like other large corporations, drifted too far away from bulk of the people. Many dailies still claim, however, that everyone was out of step but them.

All of which, of course, is a lot of claptrap and hooyey. It was the big boys' self-acknowledged "blue blood" that still is making their faces red.

You can fool all of the people some of the time, but not with a fool newspaper.

INCOME TAXES TO OFFSET LEVY ON OREGON LAND

By A. L. LINDBECK
 State Capitol News Bureau of the Southern Oregon Miner

SALEM—There will be no tax levy against property for state purposes in Oregon next year. That much can be predicted at this early date with reasonable safety. Income taxes are pouring in an unprecedented rate. Present indications are for collections of more than \$5,000,000 from this source this year. This will provide a surplus of more than \$1,000,000 in anticipated revenues as set out by the tax commissioners in their 1937 levy. This surplus, according to the provisions of the income tax act, must be applied toward a reduction of the property tax levy next year. Even without this surplus, however, it is anticipated that 1938 income taxes will be sufficient in themselves to entirely

off-set the property tax levy of \$5,570,000 for that year including a one-half mill levy for the bonus commission which was waived in the 1937 levy.

Members of the tax commission are in doubt as to the application of income taxes to the elementary school levy. While this tax is included in the state levy it is not a state tax in the true sense inasmuch as the tax is retained in the counties in which it is collected and does not flow into the state's treasury. It is probable that the next legislature will be asked to authorize a refund of income tax monies to the several counties in amounts equal to the fund raised by the state levy for school purposes in case income tax collections exceed the property tax levy for other state purposes.

On June 30 Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner will sever his connection with the state hospital at Salem after 49 years of service with that institution, 30 years of which he has served as its superintendent. Steiner submitted his resignation to the board of control last week and the board asked him to remain

on duty until the last of June when he will be succeeded by Dr. John C. Evans who for years has served as assistant superintendent of the institution.

The state supreme court increased Oregon's income tax collections by approximately \$250,000 this week when it held that contractors on the Bonneville dam were subject to the tax. The opinion reversed one handed down by the court in the same case last November.

The board of control has authorized the purchase of two more farms for use by state institutions. One is a tract of 130 acres adjoining the "Cottage farm" of the state hospital south of Salem. Price of this farm is \$8,000. The other is a 320-acre tract adjoining the state prison annex, also south of Salem, priced at \$12,000 which is being purchased by the penitentiary. Appropriations covering the cost of these farms were made by the recent legislative session.

Earl Snell, secretary of state, is not running for office—not just now at least. Snell has made the statement this week after political prognosticators had suggested that he would either seek the republican nomination for governor or a second term as secretary of state. Political observers, however, observed that he left the gate open to a more timely entry into the political race in his "not now" qualification to his statement.

The pin ball operators are leaving no stone unturned in their determination to perpetuate their

existence in Oregon. Affidavits incorporation were filed last week for the Oregon Merit Legislative League, the purpose of which is to "carry on a campaign of education regarding the safety and propriety of legislation and licensing trade stimulation."

Wyatt Padgett of Klaskan Falls was at the home of his mother, Mrs. May Davis, for the weekend.

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