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SOAK-THE-POOR LEGISLATION!

The Oregon state legislature already is well into its program of soaking the poor—that is, lowering the state income tax exemptions and raising the rate on small earnings. The legislators also are considering the lifting of the intangibles tax, which would release the investor from the tax he now pays on income from stocks, bonds and interest on mortgages.

A curious feature of this shifting of the tax load from the well-to-do to the wage earner is its coincidence with the return of a republican dominance in the state capitol.

Arguments defending the withdrawal of the intangibles tax explain that such a tax discourages the settling here of investors and moneyed people. By lifting the tax, they reason, such individuals may come to Oregon to live and to spend their money. Timed with the idea are billboards declaring "What helps business helps you," and similar catch-phrases.

Which means that if Oregon will pauperize her workers, scab all the closed shops (as a C. C. Chapman-sponsored bill would) and make wider the gulf between employer and employee, then Oregon might become an industrial state.

Such a future, however, might be very costly for the workmen, who comprise the great majority of the commonwealth's population.

The idea should be neither to soak the rich nor the poor, but to further distribute the load according to ability to pay. However, legislators are so busy trying to scheme ways of grabbing more and more tax money that real progress toward a less burdensome state government is not likely during the present session.

THE SACRED FISH OF ROGUE RIVER!

Soaking the poor isn't the only evidence of a new state animosity toward its average citizen—even Rogue river is to be further curtailed to all but the privileged class.

Boat fishing has been the only method by which many miles of the upper Rogue could be enjoyed by sportsmen in areas where rivershore property owners—many of them from out of the state—have bought up, fenced and posted both banks. Only by use of boats can the river be kept open to others.

There is a steady encroachment on the rights of the majority of fishermen who like to enjoy southern Oregon's natural resources by those who would make the waterway a private playground. That is why fisherman Tuesday night met in Medford to form an organization to voice the protest of the many against the favors being accorded the few.

THE AGE OF MIRACLES IS NOT DEAD!

It was with surprise and approval that many readers of the Portland Oregonian read their Monday morning editorial pages. Behold, there it was in cold type for all to see and to marvel—a toast to the President of the United States for his birthday!

With the Oregonian reverting to heirs of original owners over the week-end, things may be looking up for that pioneer publication.

That the Oregonian—and all newspapers worth their pulp value in spunk—should be partisan, we grant. But it was almost a lost art with the Oregonian to be both partisan and respectful to the holder of the nation's highest office.

As a confirmed democrat, The Miner hopes to always loathe republicans and fuss at them. But we also plan that this little journal will remain patriotic to the government when the republicans take over, too, as they surely must some day.

It is becoming and necessary that all political faiths remember that the President deserves fair treatment, regardless of his party affiliations. And to the Oregonian this week, we confess a new-found admiration.

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THEIR BUSINESS IS THE MAKING OF MEN!

While a neighboring city blushes aghast at the uncovering of a juvenile crime wave resulting in 20 youngsters from good homes facing a judge in a single week, it might be appropriate to point out a contrasting great work that is being done with young men by the Civilian Conservation corps.

The CCC deals with conservation of citizenship and manhood, and with 6000 lads in the Medford district alone, success of the corps is evident by the minimum of trouble the youths cause authorities.

The 3-C lads come from all sorts of homes—few from backgrounds as favorable as those worrying fathers of Medford—and yet they have for the most part kept well away from lawbreaking and the courts. In a few exceptions enrollees have come afool the authorities, but surprisingly few when one remembers that the Medford district embraces more than 30 camps with an average of 200 men to each camp.

Useful work for idle hands, studies and instruction for growing minds—that is the program of the CCC. Its success is attested to by the fine record of good citizenship achieved by the officers, leaders and enrollees of the Civilian Conservation corps.

Perhaps shocked Medford parents have the answer to their problem spread before them in such plain language they fail to recognize the message.

FACTS FOR DRIVERS

By EARL SNELL
Secretary of State

ONE highway death out of four in Oregon last year was the direct result of excessive speed, Secretary of State Earl Snell said this week.

This proportion is astounding when one considers that speeding is but one of 23 improper driving actions which are listed on the accident report forms required to be filed with the secretary of state by drivers involved in traffic mishaps. The proportion is doubtless even greater since many other actions, such as passing on the wrong side or failing to yield the right of way would not result fatally if the element of excessive speed were not involved.

Adding significance to the role of speed as a death factor is the discovery that two-thirds of the fatalities due to speeding occur on the open highway, although only one-fourth of all reported accidents occur outside city limits. And heavily-traveled state and national highway routes are the chief offenders here, accounting for more than six times as many deaths last year as did lightly-traveled highways.

The conclusion, Snell said, is that the old conception of wide, straight highways as speedways must be overcome and that motorists must learn to control their speed just as sanely and continuously on the open road as on city streets. The alternative is pictured grimly by the foregoing figures—namely, an unceasing toll of broken bodies and shattered lives.

GEORGE W. FARMER
Funeral services for George W. Farmer, 35, who died January 26, were held January 30 with J. L. Mintle officiating. Interment in Mountain View cemetery.

Elbert Bede of the Portland Spectator calls it the "nude eel," but he probably doesn't mean that it's more skinned against than skinning.—Weston Leade.

It may be that people can't stand prosperity, as a sociologist declares, but we for one would jolly well like to try.—Weston Leade.

Comes now a Harvard savant with a note of optimism to the effect that mankind is reverting to the ape.—Weston Leade.

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Evening services at 7:30 p. m. A special young people's program celebrating Christian Endeavor day will be presented. All will enjoy this program.

FRANCES G. DAMON
Funeral services for Mrs. Frances G. Damon, well-known local blind resident who died January 26, were held January 28 at the Litwiler Funeral home with the Rev. E. E. Wordsworth officiating. Interment in Hargadine cemetery.

LETTIE ANNA CROWSON
Funeral services for Lettie Anna Crowson, 75, who died January 30, were held February 1, at the Litwiler Funeral home with the Rev. M. T. Wire officiating. Interment in Mountain View cemetery.

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LETTERS to the Editor

NON-COMPENSATING INTEREST (Continued)

To the Editor:
Opposition to the interest system has always been predicated upon the assumption that interest under any and all circumstances was wholly evil, that it would destroy government and nation under which it was allowed to continue and should, therefore, be abolished entirely.

This was a regrettable misconception because under the vast complexities of a modern financial and economic order there are so many people who directly or indirectly benefit from one sort of an interest investment or another that to abolish interest entirely would be almost a universal catastrophe and for this reason popular opinion withstood demands while if the same effort had been directed toward corrective measures the desired end might have been accomplished.

We find in old religions many things not in harmony with modern reasoning yet we did not find it necessary or advisable to discard religion from our moral concepts and why should we, because the interest system has faults, assume that it should be entirely abolished?

Why not approach the interest question as we have religion, eliminating the destructive factors and retain those that are, at least under our present stage of civilization influences, generally harmless and also advantageous to the majority?

Compensating interest is entirely in accord with world social relations as well as domestic economic problems in all modern nations because it does not, in any way, disturb the volume of circulating money nor increase the total public debt.

Non-compensating interest reduces the volume of circulating money at the exact ratio it is paid for the use of circulating money and since there is a variable but definite volume of circulating money required at all times and since additional money can come into circulation only in the form of new interest bearing liens (except certain forms of tax money and part of the newly mined gold) it follows that money so withdrawn constantly increases the public debt at a compound ratio.

There is only one cause of a depression and that is the gradual and imperceptible diminution of the volume of circulating money until suddenly the universal demand cannot be satisfied and the consequent need starts a landslide of goods and services, the real wealth, manifesting itself in a

minimum value of maximum value of course, because the total of public debt to a plane beyond value of existing creditor class finds cumbered wealth in security for further values topple, securing loans is weakened to call loans become led only by the purpose of property obtain funds to meet that are being called. Depressions are the geometrically increased, they are caused and of increasing reaching ultimate destruction. Anything draws money from with nothing to counteract the public money used exclusively from circulation with saving factors is making interest and is sound.

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