

# Southern Oregon Miner

Published Every Friday at 167 East Main Street ASHLAND, OREGON

Entered as second-class matter February 15, 1935, at the postoffice at Ashland, Oregon, under the act of March 3, 1879.

TELEPHONE 170



Leonard N. Hall  
Editor and Publisher

SUBSCRIPTION RATES (In Advance)  
ONE YEAR .....\$1.50  
SIX MONTHS .....80c  
(Mailed Anywhere in the United States)

"THE TRUTH WILL SET YOU FREE"

## SETTING THE STAGE FOR ANOTHER SALES TAX PHONEY!

With state legislators desperately thumbing through dog-eared card indexes listing ways to extract more and more taxes from the public, it is but a matter of time until Oregonians again are faced with a pseudo life-and-death plea for adoption of a sales tax.

Last time it was asked, the sales tax was the one resource that could keep the state's schools open. The children would suffer, voters were told, by having their classrooms closed and teachers were warned not to expect pay checks unless the measure passed. Oregonians answered the tearful wail by snowing under the measure worse than on the two previous occasions when they had rejected a sales tax.

Yet Oregon's schools remained open for business after the ballots were counted, and teachers continued to get their salaries.

The trouble with a sales tax, in the minds of most voters and taxpayers, is not with the theory of the penny-gathering scheme but with the way it has been presented. As drafted before, the sales would "eventually" (so the ballot title inferred) equalize the tax burden between real property owners and all taxpayers. But the fine print always provided that the tax would be an additional tithe and would not repeal taxes already being levied.

The only way a sales tax can and should be voted by Oregonians would be through a measure drafted to definitely transfer the tax burden FROM property TO sales.

Only when a sales tax dollar cancels a dollar of real estate taxes will arguments made on behalf of the sales tax theory actually apply.

Taxes on gasoline have worked out fairly well. Motorists complain very little at paying a 25 per cent sales tax on gasoline because their license plates now cost but \$5 a year instead of \$15 to \$35.

Almost every citizen would rather pungle up a few cents at frequent intervals than get cracked for difficult dollars once a year. But Oregon taxpayers are smart enough to know that a sales tax law without a rider cancelling an equal amount of existing taxes is just another weight being thrown onto an already too-heavy burden.

## MAKING THE GRASS GROW GREEN!

Well, we've got to hand it to our competitor across the street—he can spread it on thicker than a 1939 model John Deere stern-wheeler.

"Fifteen per cent more news service than a group of successful newspapers" claims the Daily Twiddlings, and we've got to acknowledge that's quite a feat. And pictures? They're nearly as thick as house ads in the daily.

Guess The Miner will have to keep plugging along at being the best daily on Friday, and the best weekly the other six days. Not the biggest, y'unnerstan—but then we won't fall the hardest, either!

## "AS THE TWIG IS BENT—"

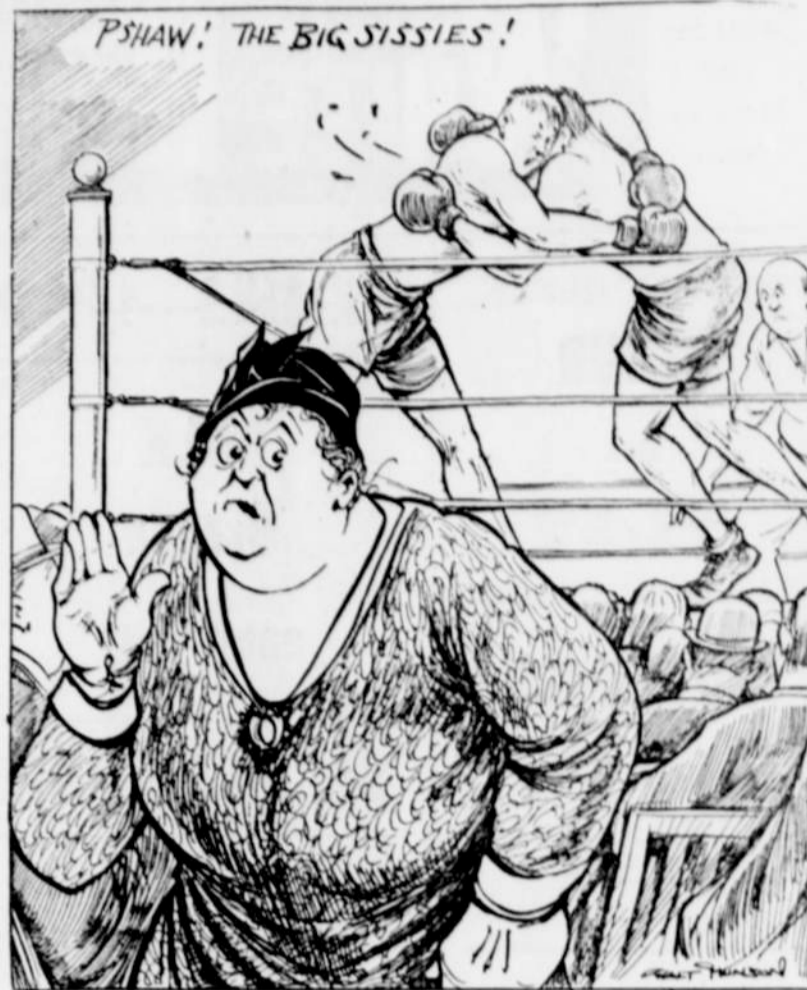
Following the parental embarrassment in Medford resulting from wholesale apprehension and jailing of juvenile vandals, comes news from Grants Pass that a similar "crime wave" has been uncovered there. Youngsters in nearly all communities seem to have suddenly become a serious problem.

And somehow the notion lurks in the minds of many that nothing is wrong with our youth that couldn't be cured by the laying on of hands. Or willows, if the hands are tender.

The Miner is inclined to agree with Moore Hamilton of the Medford News (twice a father himself) in that youngsters have been coddled and glorified too much by parents who have forgotten to think on their responsibilities.

Many mothers and fathers have "streamlined" their notion of what constitutes being a conscientious par-

## LIFE'S BYWAYS!



ent. They wrongly believe that to be good parents they must be lavish with their offspring. They have overlooked the benefits of mental and physical companionship, which is more bother.

Some folks are so used to pressing a button for lights and meals that they are impatient to expend planned effort toward guiding their children. And it is that type of parent who awakens suddenly to find himself cursed by near-adult sons and daughters who have not yet learned the simple rules of honesty.

Charity is not the only virtue that should start at home.

## YELLOW-BELLIED WELCHERS!

A teapot tempest has been raging for a week because some administration critics claim President said American frontiers were in France and along the Rhine.

Mr. Roosevelt, with characteristic clearness, flatly tabbed the statement as a lie.

The puzzling thing about the whole affair is, however, the manner in which the essence of his talk with a senate military affairs committee could immediately be made a public controversy when all members pres-

## OF ALL THINGS!

By MINER STAFF WRITER

LAST year marked three 50-year anniversaries for ex-Kaiser Wilhelm, which fact was brought to attention by his 80th birthday anniversary a few days ago. His grandfather died, and about three months later his father passed away, then he ascended the throne, all in 1888.

Nineteen hundred thirty-eight also marked a 20-year period in his life. In 1918 he hurriedly jammed for Holland, but his observance of that anniversary hasn't been recorded.

Claimant to the speed talking championship of the Americas, Rene Canizares, a Cuban radio announcer, has been clocked at 2600 words in 15 minutes. His closest rival, Peter Grant, another radio speaker, has been timed at the same rate but the Cuban maintains that 2600 words in Spanish is faster than the same number in English on account of the more intricate pronunciation. Anyway, that is 2.8 plus words per second. Quite a rate to maintain for 15 minutes.

A fall of from 42 million to 35 million population faces the French nation if her birth rate and death rate continue at 1935 figures.

Last month London celebrated the first importation of British empire-grown tea 100 years ago. Too late to furnish the ingredient of a famous tea party held in Boston harbor about 1773. The British industry has developed until they have an investment of 500 million dollars and employ 2,000,000 men raising tea.

A compulsory 90-day summer school vacation is the object of a proposed measure before the California legislature. Object: To give a longer vacation season, and the families with youngsters in school will be able to stay longer at the hotels and resorts. Looks like they are starting in on each other for a tourist crop.

Some proponents claim that "postalization" or zoning of railway fares will pull the railroads out of the financial dumps. They had better look out—Uncle Sam has been running the postoffice department that way a long time now and it's still costing him about \$20,000,000 a year.

Afghan, Germany, Iran, Latvia and Liberia are the only nations not represented by exhibits at the

New York world's fair. England is spending \$2,500,000 which is topped by France's \$3,500,000. That kind of money should make quite a showing.

## First Baptist Church

Charles E. Dunham, Pastor

Church school meets at 9:45 a. m., C. N. Gillmore, superintendent.

Morning worship at 11 o'clock. "The Glory of the Cross" is the subject of the pastor's sermon.

Young People's union will meet at 6:30 p. m.

Evening service at 7:30 o'clock. The pastor will preach, his subject being "Keeping the Unity of the Spirit."

Prayer and conference meeting, 7:30 p. m. Wednesday.

Business visitors from Medford Tuesday included Louis Jenkins and Rollo Pierson.

In Line With Our Policy of SERVICE

And believing that by closing Saturday afternoons we have caused some of our customers some inconvenience in the past we have decided to remain

OPEN SATURDAY AFTERNOONS

BEGINNING FEB. 11, 1939

ASHLAND Lumber Co. PHONE 20 OAK ST. at RAILROAD

ent at the discussion of foreign affairs were pleased to secrecy.

Surely the President is entitled to talk things with an advisory committee and, for obvious reasons, recognized the world over, extract a pledge of silence from members. Breaking that confidence has resulted in a storm of insults and insinuations from dictators and has launched an avalanche of beside-the-point argument in the American press.

Apparently some anti-administration members of the conference just couldn't contain themselves. Opportunity to break into print was too great for some self politicians.

Why should a democratic nation go to the bother of electing a President if he is to be given no authority for leadership?

# BUYING A CAR?

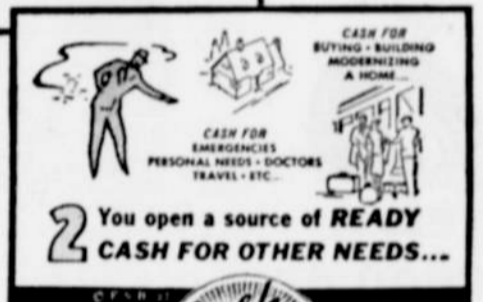
GET THESE ADDITIONAL VALUES THRU THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

- ✓ Make a Cash Deal...
- ✓ Enjoy Low-Cost Financing
- ✓ Place Insurance where you wish...
- ✓ Build your Personal Credit

HERE'S HOW to build your personal credit



1 When you establish CREDIT FOR ONE LOAN...



You need not be a depositor to borrow from this bank...



ANY BRANCH

# FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF PORTLAND

## ATTENTION

## Mr. Business Man

You can save time, trouble and money by letting us handle your orders for all kinds of—

- SALES BOOKS
- MANIFOLD BOOKS
- CAFE CHECKS
- COUPON BOOKS
- CASH PADS

We have a connection with one of the best sales book factories in the country. We can assure you of—

FINEST QUALITY PROMPT SERVICE

Ask for our samples and prices before you place your next order.

SOUTHERN OREGON MINER PHONE 170

IN superior funeral direction there must be those priceless elements of sympathy, understanding, consideration and knowledge. Here you are assured of just such elements.

Funeral Service Since 1897  
LITWILLER FUNERAL HOME (Formerly Stock's Funeral Parlor)

We Never Close—Phone 32