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**THE INCOME TAX AND STATE
INDEBTEDNESS**

While in our own minds we believe the income tax is the fairest method of taxation we also believe that the governor has no right to advocate it or the legislature to enact such a law. The people have repeatedly refused to vote this sort of tax on themselves and their expressions should be heeded. Because the governor and many legislators have reversed themselves on the income tax plan is no sign the people have. They look upon the income tax as another tax and no man to date has brought forth an income tax that is not exactly that.

Law makers and officials are always looking for new forms and methods of taxation, pouncing on them like they have made discoveries. The fact is that all taxes come from one source and ultimately the average citizen pays all taxes. To raise more money by taxation is simply to place a heavier burden on him. And that is what all the income taxes brought forth so far is designed to do or will do instead of equalizing the existing burden.

If the state treasury is in as bad fix as it is reputed to be the thing to do is to quit spending instead of imposing more tax burdens. Make no capital investment this year but use all the money for necessary running expenses of the state and pay off this indebtedness. Of course this would mean delaying the armory program and the erection of some new buildings at the state institutions but these things should come when the state has money to build them.

The plan to take money away from the state highway commission to pay the ordinary state debts is the nearest sighted so far advocated. It will ultimately upset the highway program and bring state officials much grief. Oregon has a high automobile license tax but the car owners will tolerate this tax just so long as the money is spent on the highways of the state. The minute some of it is diverted to other sources there will be initiative measures galore to lower the tax with the result that in the end the highway commission will not have sufficient funds to take care of existing bonded indebtedness let alone maintain the elaborate highway system and build needed new roads. Surely we expect something better from the legislature than the upsetting of the highway program now working satisfactorily.

Chinese can tell time by looking at the pupils of a cat's eye, the pupils of which are said to dilate perpendicular at noon.

There are 27 million rates in the freight tariff of the United States. All of them too high somebody will say.

Queen Mary Patronizes the cafeteria's in London. Another proof that aristocracy is becoming democratic.

One quarter of the women in American over 15 years old are paid workers. One-sixteenth of the women are married and work out.

A recent survey places the world's radios at fifteen million.

The average income of doctors in New York is placed at \$2,000 a year by investigators.

A GOOD SLOGAN

Florida has chosen "Optimism and Work" as the State slogan, following the big wind and temporary land slump. It's an excellent slogan, especially if you put the heavy accent on "WORK."

Florida's future is assured as one of the great national sun parlors. Incidentally, at this moment, you can't for love, money or pull, engage rooms for the season at the big Palm Beach hotels.

Another good slogan for Florida would be "Give us railroad men like S. Davis Wartfield." Transportation is to a State what blood is to the body.

Mr. Wartfield, a born fighter, and successful in the face of vicious opposition, has forced new branches of his Seaboard Air Line system in Florida, carrying passengers direct from the North to Miami without change of cars.

A far-sighted railroad man is as valuable to a State as a great Governor, and as scarce.



DR. FRANK CRANE SAYS

IT'S AN OLD JOKE, BUT TRUE

Some jokes, like a kitten, apparently have nine lives. Dressed in new clothes, they appear perennially.

Such a joke is the old gag about the small town sport who stood before an elite eating place at meal times chewing a toothpick to give the impression he had just dined within.

Everyone laughs at the story, with perhaps softened malice, for to some extent he recognizes a kinship with the hero.

The genuine, sincere, unassuming man, who is content to appear what he is and nothing more, is the millionth man.

What most people want is to be known as great rather than simply be great.

Try this on yourself: If you were offered the chance to have all the power and greatness, as well as all the responsibility, work and abuse, of a president of the United States and have no one ever know you were president—never get credit for great acts if accomplished—would you accept?

Isn't recognition and not just pure achievement the thing desired?

Of course recognition is part of it, but when it becomes the most important consideration, it assumes an evil influence.

Not everyone who says he desires power and success really desires those things.

They are synonymous with work, worry and responsibility.

What those who say they want them to desire is the by-products of power and success, the toothpicks and not the meal.

They want the yachts, the trips to Palm Beach and the Packard limousines.

To really eat you must pay; to chew a toothpick costs nothing.

To really achieve costs work and self-denial; to seem to achieve (for a time!) requires only a weak conscience.

Every "show-off" desires the results of achievement, but is unwilling to pay the price. He would rather chew the toothpick of fraud than eat the substance of paid-in-advance actuality.

To seem to be, to all but the shrewdest eye, has all the attractions and none of the hardships of actual being.

In Sunday School we used to sing:
"This day the noise of battle;
The next the Victor's song!"

The noise of battle must precede the song of victory. The Royal Order of Toothpick Chewers try to reverse the sequence, and it can't be done.

**EMPLOYMENT AT CAMPS,
MILLS ON UP-GRADE**

Portland, Feb. 10—(Special)—Employment in the logging and lumber manufacturing industry in the Pacific Northwest is on the up-turn, according to the 4L employment letter published here today. Snow and cold weather have been factors in keeping fir logging at a lower point than usual, but with the coming of rains and warmer weather many camps have resumed work.

In the pine districts just east of the Cascades, where preparations for the season's cut are now being made at many sawmills and where three or four major operations have begun actual sawing, employment is also on the gain.

Fir lumber manufacturing along the west coast is not yet so active as it was last year at this time, the L letter stated. It pointed out that there are plants mostly medium and small-sized ones that are still down, with opening dates indefinite, while at the same time there are at least ten night shifts that were in operation before Christmas that have not resumed work. At several saw mills a four or a five-day week is in effect.

Taken as a whole employment in the Pacific Northwest is an par with February of last year.

**SMOKERS-CAMPERS CAUSE
MOST FOREST FIRES**

That smokers were responsible for thirty-five per cent of all the man-caused forest fires started on the national forests of Oregon and Washington during 1926, is shown by the annual fire report just compiled by the U. S. Forest Service, Portland, Oregon. Out of 800 man-caused forest fires, 281 were due to careless smokers, according to the report.

Campers are a close second with 236 forest fires, or twenty-eight per cent due to neglected campfires. Third in the list is the incendiary, charged with 88 fires. Of this total, however, 55 were in or near the Umpqua National Forest in Douglas County.

Other offenders in the list of man-caused forest fires are: railroads, 83; brush-burning, 31; and lumbering, 22; the remaining 59 fires were due to miscellaneous human agencies.

In addition to the 800 man-caused forest fires, there were 690 lightning fires, making a total for the national forest regions of Oregon and Washington of 1490 forest fires. These fires caused an estimated damage of \$638,351, burned over 241,432 acres of land and cost \$500,070 to suppress.

Of the smokers fires, 204 were on the national forests of Oregon and 77 were on the national forest of Washington. National forests campers

caused 168 fires in Oregon and 68 in Washington.

**FOREST FIRE LAW
VIOLATORS CONVICTED**

The people who are responsible for starting forest fires are criminally liable, and 1273 of them have been brought to justice on the national forests of Oregon and Washington during the past eight years.

This is shown by a statement of fire law enforcement cases for the period of 1919-1926, just issued by the U. S. forest service, Portland, Oregon. Of these 1273 cases, 727 were in Oregon and 546 were in Washington.

For leaving their campfires burning, 812 campers were convicted and

53 more were apprehended for building campfires without permit, making a total of 865 camper convictions. This class of law violators heads the list. Bush-burning without permit comes next, with 186 convictions. Although the smokers who start forest fires lead in number of man-caused fires, it is said to be hard to get enough evidence for conviction. However, 79 of them have been brought to justice and given education they will not soon forget. Negligence in starting fires or allowing them to spread resulted in 77 convictions.

In logging camps there were 16 successful prosecutions for fires started by defective logging equipment and 6 for sawmills without burners.

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