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TAX CUTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Announcement that state property taxes would be cut one million dollars is welcome news out of Salem at Christmas time.

Greater economies in state government and a new law taxing incomes from intangibles has enabled the state to make property tax reductions.

However, taxes generally, and in cities especially, will not be lowered, because most of the local budget committees have been busy levying up to the full six per cent limit.

The real problem in taxation is the local taxing boards, and people in many cities are beginning to realize it.

MCKENZIE WORK IS ORDERED

The state oiling program calls for oil on the McKenzie highway next spring from Nimrod to Belknap. The road will also be resurfaced in the Belknap district.

The state also will oil more of the coast road beyond Triangle Lake. At least two sections of the Roosevelt highway in Lane county will be under contract and another section of the Willamette highway leading toward Oakridge.

Some of these smart editorial writers who criticize the Finnish boy's English at the Oregon state college might ask themselves how well they could speak Finnish if they should find themselves in this lad's native country.

A biology professor in a Baptist college in Alabama has been dismissed because he doubted the story of Jonah and the Whale.

We welcome George Stanley to our midst as a business man and property owner. The way to build a community is to allow freedom for growth in business and industry.

Congress is in session again and promises to do some more farm relieving. When it gets through we shall discover that good farmers manage to get along somehow and poor farmers will still be hollering for help, same as always.

Uncle Si Tinklepaugh says he used to read a city paper but it made too much noise around the house. The headlines were so big he had to holler to read 'em.

YOUTH

"This is the age of youth." How often we hear that said, sometimes with the hopeful view that youth, somehow, is going to make the world over.

It was youth that settled America. The Pilgrim Fathers were mostly boys in their twenties when they landed on Plymouth Rock.

And when the young people of today have become the parents of boys and girls of eighteen or twenty, they too, will be shocked by the things their children will do or want to do.

AND NOW—THE CROSS STATE LINE

The cross state railroad from Crane to Crescent Lake, 109 miles, has been ordered built by the Interstate commerce commission.

Whether the Union Pacific, who has been ordered to build the road, will resist the order is not known. But a progressive step has been taken by the commerce commission, and emphasis has been placed on the need for serving this territory by rail.

We believe this road will be built in the next few years. When it is constructed the Willamette valley will have a shorter route to the east, which will mean much in these days of rapid transportation.

The Way of Life by BRUCE BARTON

THE ARMY WORM If the Eighteenth Amendment is ever overthrown it will not be by the Wets.

When one of them announces that the purchaser of a glass of wine should be sentenced to ten years in prison, or that the army should be called out to shoot down such citizens who make whoopee, the common sense of people rebels.

The murmur is not loud, but it is deep. The murmurers are not given to analyzation, and they have little talent for putting their thoughts into words.

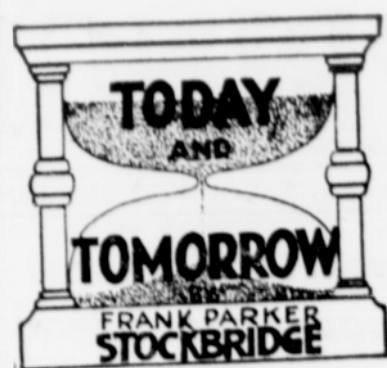
And, if goaded far enough, they will do something about it.

A wonderful thing about the universe is its all-pervading law of balance. For every star there is some other star to hold it in place.

"Things refuse to be mismanaged long," as Emerson pointed out. "Though no checks to a new evil appear, the checks exist and will appear.

Commander Byrd's Route from Little America to the South Pole

Map showing Commander Byrd's route from Little America to the South Pole. Includes photos of Commander Byrd, Bernt Balchen, and Capt. A. C. McKinley. Text: "The map shows the route of Commander Byrd in his trip to the South Pole from Little America, Antarctica, and back, a distance of 1,600 miles."



FOOD

The late J. Ogden Armour once boasted publicly that he intended to control the world's food supply.

In Ogden Armour's time it might have been possible for one man to send the price of food up or down as he willed.

RADIO

Somebody has to pay for radio broadcasting. In England the listeners pay, by an annual tax on receiving sets, and the Government controls the operation of the broadcasting stations.

Advertising and the distribution of news and information are the proper function of newspapers.

RAILROADS

Automobiles have been competing with the railroads for twenty-five years, but average train speeds have not increased in that period.

It took the airplane to stimulate the roads to higher speeds. The Pennsylvania railroad promises electric trains between Washington and New York at speeds from 90 to 100 miles an hour.

CHICAGO

Count Keyserling, the German traveler and philosopher, says that Chicago is the most typical American city.

Every time I go back to Chicago I feel as if I were getting a fresh inoculation of Americanism. No other city so completely expresses the American spirit of today.

The American standard for centuries to come.

DIRIGIBLES

Airplanes stir man's pride in humanity's achievement of what the birds have already known.

It is possible that the discovery that man can ride through the air suspended from a bubble of gas will prove in a hundred years to be more important than the airplane.

The dirigibles of the future will bear the same relation to the airplane that the motorbus does to the ordinary passenger automobile.

Mabs: Is it easier to learn golf or motoring?

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