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SPRINGFIELD'S PROBLEM

Out of 191 towns in Oregon here are the only eleven that can beat Springfield for a high tax levy: Astoria, Bandon, Bay City, Bend, Hammond, North Bend, Newport, Onreco, Seaside, Vale and Warrenton. Springfield can take its place in the hall of fame as one of the dozen highest taxed places in Oregon, this year.

Springfield's total levy this past year, now payable, was 85.6 mills. (State 21.5, city 40.9 and school district 23.2) If there is ever to be any noticeable relief from this heavy burden of taxes it must nearly all come from the 64.1 mill levy we have been making for strictly local purposes. While this is not the most pleasant subject to discuss, it vitally affects all of us, and will ultimately lead to a tragic end for some of us. We believe that the utmost effort should be made to find a solution to this community problem.

The city is paying \$13,608 interest on bonds this year or nearly as much as it takes to operate our municipal government. Added to this is \$15,000 for a bond sinking fund. The total city bonded debt is \$146,500.

School district 19 still has a \$69,000 bonded debt for which it is taking \$3,500 interest and \$3,300 for principal.

Our high tax rate defeats its own purpose—the higher the rate the less money we collect under present conditions. The tragic part about the situation is that we are marching steadily toward the day when a lot of our people are going to lose their homes which to many represent the savings of nearly a lifetime. But even the sheriff sale is not the end. When one piece of property is sold to the county for taxes and goes off the rolls the public debt burden is shifted to the owners of other property thus increasing the load on those who do pay.

If we were to close the city hall and cut our school operating expenses in half we would still be paying a high tax rate. Our chief trouble is our city and school district bonded debt. The fault is partly our own for not making more substantial debt reduction payments in past years when we were able and partly the condition of the times. However, 85.6 mills is much to great a levy to pay even in the best of times.

Our only solution under present conditions, as we see it is to secure some relief from our bond holders. Rather than go forward to wholesale tax foreclosure and ultimate bankruptcy, we think city and school board officials should contact these bond holders and attempt to negotiate both a reduction in principal and interest rates.

Whether this plan would be successful we can not say, but no one will know until it is tried. Certainly we should do something toward solving this public problem rather than wait in bewilderment, hoping that some miracle will happen.

Bond holders who are asking for face value of their paper now are expecting a great deal more than they actually gave, owing to the great change in the value of the dollar. There is a possibility that many of them can be convinced of that fact.

Our problem is no different from hundreds of other cities but that does not alter conditions. Misery now days has plenty of company. The legislature attempted to set up machinery for dealing with the municipal debt situation by passing a receivership law. But it is doubtful if this provides a solution as bond selling has been interstate and holders living without the state have access to federal court.

We believe it best to ask for a voluntary reduction in the face value of outstanding bonds and interest rate cuts rather than resort to receivership.

It is easy to be a public official when everything is running smoothly. Councilmen and school directors who can make headway in relieving the present financial problem will be displaying real public leadership as well as earning the everlasting gratitude of small home owners.

THE PROSPECTOR CROP

We have been told from time to time by prospectors that there was gold in our nearby hills. Now we see hundreds rushing into the Winberry and Fall Creek area and they have staked out a whole township. Gold is everywhere if you ask one of these new prospectors. Surely we must take the situation seriously when so many people are saying the same thing and are producing assays to prove it.

There no doubt will be several companies organized to mine these claims and a great deal of assessment work will be done by others. We would not pretend to give anyone advice as to investment in gold mines neither will we make slighting remarks about something we are not capable of judging. We think that this should be the attitude of all who are in our class. If these prospectors are right then the biggest asset in Lane county beyond all doubt has been discovered. If not, well it's just another gold rush. But in any case Lane county can not afford to overlook any bet when it comes to new development of God given resources.

Now that Herriot has had his "parley vous" with President Roosevelt we have not heard the French say, "Oui monsieur" to the back war debt payments.



The FAMILY DOCTOR

by JOHN JOSEPH GAINES M.D.
YOUR PHYSICIAN

"Doctor, what's the matter with me?"
"Can you cure it?"
These two questions make the "horns" of the dilemma in every case treated or applying for treatment. Both questions are of the highest importance for the doctor and patient.

A doctor may know exactly what the trouble is—he may be the best of diagnosticians—yet he may be sadly deficient in his knowledge of the best remedies for the disease; so broad and deep is the science of medicine!

I believe there are hundreds—thousands of patients treated and cured—when the diagnosis was absolutely a mistaken one. How? Well, the skillful doctor treated the important symptoms.

The best doctor strives to be equal to the answer to both of these questions at the head of this letter; happy the physician that can, truthfully answer both.

Suppose the doctor cannot accurately diagnose the case—yet believes he has done so; I'd trust that doctor anywhere. Why? Just because he knows what remedy to apply for the symptoms.

I would be perfectly willing for a doctor to treat me who knows well the action of the medicine he uses; he knows the cause that will bring about the effect. A good physiologist is a good doctor; the man who knows healthy life is quick to recognize any departure from it. Physiology is the science of life.

I am not so devilish particular about a technical diagnosis; I do not care how many red cells a man has, just so I know he is anaemic. Now laugh, if you want to!



Washington, D. C., May 11—President Roosevelt, after more than a month in office, is still riding the top wave of popularity and authority. He is growing in the esteem of many who undervalued him before he took office, and certainly is proving himself the best politician who has occupied the White House in many years.

There is no politics, however, in the plan for refinancing farm mortgages which the president proposes and which congress doubtless will adopt. Under this plan the Farm Loan board will take over farm mortgages, extending the time for their payment and establishing the interest rate at 4 1/2 percent.

Under the blanket authority granted him by congress to reduce the governmental expenditures, Mr. Roosevelt's director of the budget, Lewis E. Douglas, has worked out a system which will cut an estimated nine hundred million a year off the federal expenses. It will still cost some four thousand millions a year to operate the federal machine, and just how this money is to be raised is not yet completely clear. There will have to be some new revenue legislation, but that is still in the future.

Besides cutting about \$400,000,000 a year off veteran relief, Mr. Douglas's economy program calls for a fifteen percent reduction in all federal salaries. This will affect pretty close to a million people on Uncle Sam's payroll, for it includes the army and navy as well as civil employees.

Protection for Investors

There is every reason to expect that the administration's plan for federal control of all new issues of stocks and bonds and perhaps also over the sales of old issues, will be adopted substantially as the president has requested it. This is calculated to do away with many of the frauds which were perpetrated upon a gullible public during the recent boom. It is also a part of the program for the protection of the investor for the government to exercise a high degree of control over all exchanges in which securities and commodities are traded in.

The senate finance committee's investigation of the banking situation has been extended to private banking institutions, and the great house of J. P. Morgan & company is to be one of the first called upon to tell how private investment banking houses work.

The general banking policy of the administration is beginning to take shape. It looks as if it would work out into a single banking system under which every bank would be required to be a member of the Federal Reserve system and perhaps to have a Federal charter. It would be easy and legal to force State banks to become National banks by imposing a prohibitive tax on their checks, for example, or by refusing to let them participate in any plan for the insurance or guarantee of deposits.

For the Unemployed

The president's plan for putting an army of unemployed at work in the national forests has been approved by congress, and there is little doubt that he will get, perhaps before this is printed, the authority he seeks to lend five hundred millions to the states for direct unemployment relief. Every possible effort to put men back to work is being made, and intensive study is being given to numerous "self-liquidating" projects of public work, which might be financed by

government loans to be repaid out of earnings. For example, the new bridge across the Golden Gate at San Francisco and the Grand Island bridge in the Niagara river between Buffalo and Niagara Falls are being financed by the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, but they will be toll bridges and will eventually earn enough to repay the loans.

The same policy may be adopted for power projects and other enterprises which are sure to earn enough to pay back the loan.

Where the money is coming from to lend, enough of it to make this policy of stimulating business and putting men back to work big enough to make a dent in the unemployment situation, is another question. There is talk about a huge bond issue, perhaps running the national debt up from its present twenty-one thousand million dollars to thirty billions.

Not in the Budget

Such an issue would not necessarily interfere with "balancing the budget," since the interest charges on such a bond issue would be comparatively small, and one change which is impending in our governmental system is in its book-keeping, in which moneys raised by loans will be kept separate from those raised by taxation. Current expenses and interest on loans are expected to be paid out of taxes; there is no suggestion now of paying off the principal of any of the existing loans or the projected new ones.

In this matter of public works, the expectation is that contractors and suppliers of materials will be required to adopt the thirty-hour week for labor, six hours a day, five days a week. And on its own initiative the senate has under consideration a bill which would compel all private industry engaged in interstate commerce to adopt the thirty-hour week, under penalty of having its products barred from trade across state lines.

That Roosevelt Humor

The personal life of the Roosevelts in the White House is the subject of innumerable anecdotes illustrating the simplicity and home-likeness of the executive mansion's new occupants. They keep practically open house for their friends and casual acquaintances, just as they did at their home in Hyde Park. And the verdict of Washington is that they are not exhibiting any of the signs of "swelled head" which have sometimes afflicted presidential families.

One lady who was invited in an offhand way by Mrs. Roosevelt to come to dinner said at the table: "I never expected to dine in the White House."
"You've got nothing on me," replied President Roosevelt.

MANY U. O. STUDENTS QUALIFY FOR HONOR

A total of 58 seniors at the University of Oregon have been found with grade standings high enough to make them eligible to Phi Beta Kappa, national honorary scholastic fraternity. From this list 20 or 25 will be chosen. To be eligible a student must have a grade average of 2.00 for all work taken in the university. Election of new members will take place about May 20.

OREGON JOURNALISTS RATE HIGH IN CONTEST

The Oregon State college chapter of Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity, tied for third place and the University of Oregon ranked fifth in the national efficiency contest conducted by the organization, a bulletin just received here stated. Oregon State tied with Indiana, with 76 points while the university chapter was just a point under, with 75 points.

EGG AND BUTTER PRICES STEADY

Pacific Coast Markets Advanced Over Year Ago; Early Chick Sales in Slump

Fewer commercial chicks were hatched during the first three months this year than last, but later orders booked indicate an increase for the eastern part of the country over last year, according to a review of the poultry situation issued by the Oregon State college extension service.

Heaviest decrease for the first three months was in the north central United States where the production of salable chicks was 10 per cent under a year ago. The Pacific coast is maintaining a fairly even trend being 3 per cent under last year for March, with indications of 4 per cent below for later bookings. Bookings for the whole country for April and later showed an increase of 16 per cent over last year.

Egg Production Low

Egg prices are in favorable position for producers in Portland compared with a year ago. Instead of the usual heavy decline they have held up so that early in May quotations were back to the level of a month ago and two cents above the same period a year ago.

Coast production has been increasing slightly but remains from 13 to 16 per cent under a year ago. Middle western production has been definitely declining for two last few weeks.

Butter Prices Up on Coast

Butter markets at Portland have also taken the opposite trend this spring from that usually followed at this season. Prices early in May had gone higher than the month previously and were as much as 5 cents above the corresponding time a year ago.

Nationally the butter market was nervous and unsettled as dealers tried to anticipate the effect of the inflationary legislation. Reports were that the rise of 15 to 27 per cent in prices there was largely due to such anticipation of the currency legislation.

Dusts Control Spittle Bugs

Nicotine dust or two per cent hydrocarbyl are two materials advocated by the entomology department at Oregon State college for control of spittle bugs on strawberries. The hydrated lime is the cheaper but does not give as complete control as the more expensive nicotine dust. Either power or hand dusters are needed for either material, as carelessly throwing the dust on the plants gives poor results. Further details for preparation of these materials may be had from any county agent.

Cooperative Cannery Planned

Plans are nearing completion for a cooperative community cannery in the Eagle Valley district near Baker. County Agent P. T. Fortner, accompanied by members of the organization committee plan making a trip to Hermiston in the near future to observe the organization and set-up of the cooperative cannery which has functioned so successfully at that place.

DON'T GET UP NIGHTS Make This 25c Test

Physic the bladder easily. Drive out impurities and excessive acids which cause irritation that results in leg pains, backache, burning and getting up nights. Bu-KETS, the bladder physic, containing buchu, juniper oil, etc. works on the bladder pleasantly and effectively, similar to castor oil on the bowels. Get a 25c box (5 grain size) from your druggist. After four days, if not relieved of getting up nights go back and get your money. You are bound to feel better after this cleansing and you get your regular sleep. Sold by Flanery's Drug store.

Ambassador To Cuba



Promotion came fast for Sumner Welles of Maryland. No sooner installed as Assistant Secretary of State than President Roosevelt nominated him to be Ambassador to Cuba.

NEXT MEETING FOR LEGION IS CANCELLED

Regular meeting of the Springfield American Legion post number 40, which should be held on May 18, will be cancelled because of the County Chamber of Commerce meeting to be held here at that time. The next meeting of the local post will be held at Wallowville on June 1 with a potluck dinner preceding the session, it has been announced.

"THE ELECTION" TITLE OF HIGH SCHOOL SKIT

A short skit entitled "The Election" was presented by a group of Springfield high school boys before the student body at the assembly period Friday. Those taking part in the program were Allen Sneed, Leonard Ruth, Buster Skinner, Disque Smith, Antonio Uchytel, and Lorry Liles.

Farmers Grow Bread Flavoring

Caraway and Blue poppy seed to be used by bakers in flavoring breads are being grown by several Clackamas county farmers this year at the request of a Montana seed house, reports J. J. Inskeep, county agent, through whose office the seed has been distributed.

MANY DRIVERS TAKING TESTS

Licenses Issued Before July, 1931 Must Be Renewed by September Says Hoss

Nearly 500 thrifty motorists are obtaining renewals of their driving licenses each day, according to reports just received from Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, and at this rate at least 12,000 persons are expected to have completed their registrations under the 50 cent fee during the four week period ending June 9.

The cancellation of all operators licenses on September 1 that were issued between 1920 and July 1, 1931, and the subsequent renewal of all types of drivers licenses each two years beginning on June 30, 1935, was decreed by the recent session of legislature. This means that all persons carrying original licenses, or duplicates of originals issued prior to July 1, 1931, must obtain new cards before September 1 of this year. Under the new law, which becomes effective on June 9, these licenses will cost \$1, but under existing laws, this same license is selling for 50 cents and is valid for the same two year period.

Procedure Explained

To obtain a renewal license before June 9, the applicant should first read the questions and answers that he is required to answer on a simple examination blank. These questions with their approved answers can be found in the Oregon Motorist's Manual, free copies of which are available at the city hall, the county sheriff's office, the News office, or by writing to Secretary Hoss. To finally get the license, the applicant must see an examiner who will supply the necessary blanks and forms for the completion of the application.

Motorists are cautioned not to send renewal fees by mail to the secretary of state as this form of registration cannot be accepted until after June 9. Hundreds of such applications are being returned each day, costing both the applicant and the state extra postage.

Lubricating the Right Way

This station can lubricate your car by chart and with the proper lubricants for each working part. We use only the best lubricants in the hands of experienced mechanics, thus assuring you a thorough job at the lowest price.

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- You and your family will enjoy the comfort and convenience that are brought to you with the increased use of electricity! You will appreciate the low cost of this up-to-the-minute service.

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