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GRANGE SPEAKS FOR ITSELF ON SALES TAX

State Master Ray Gill spoke for an hour and a half against the sales tax before the Coos and Curry county Pomona grange. The grange voted 75 to 15 for the tax after hearing the eloquent Mr. Gill. The farmer politicians must be slipping in the sight of the dirt farmers.

If there is any group of people who need lower property taxes it is the farmers. The sales tax is a direct reduction on the property tax for school purposes. It means a country school district will get part of its school money from the city where the purchases are made instead of all out of the farmers pockets as now if he is so unlucky to live in a district where there is no railroad.

There are 154,000 property taxpayers in Oregon and 300,000 adult persons who pay no school taxes. By getting a little money from those who pay nothing the burden can be lightened on the distressed property taxpayer, now 50 per cent delinquent.

It is true that a little of this tax money will come out of the pockets of the very poor. It has been true for a long time that a family is moved out of their house and home, representing the savings of a lifetime of hard work, for failure to pay the property tax. Which is the most pathetic? Taxes are cruel sometimes in any form but we can not have government and free public schools without taxes. All must ultimately contribute something. The sales tax is the only method so far devised that will keep the public schools running and at the same time reduce property taxes.

A NEW CHANCELLOR

Chancellor William Jasper Kerr has resigned as head of the unified state higher educational system. It is now up to the regents to find another chancellor, and they should be free to select one who in their judgment measures up to the job. When Dr. Zook was invited to Oregon he was driven away by Portland politicians. He is now United States commissioner of education in the Roosevelt administration. These politicians have been discredited. Let it not happen again.

A rhododendron Festival will be held at Florence April 29. This flower show is sponsored by the Siuslaw Chamber of Commerce and deserves the support of all Lane county. There is no land prettier than the coast area ablaze with rhododendrons in the spring. It is something to tell the world about.

We notice that democrats running for the legislature throughout the state are all "applying the New Deal to Oregon." Old Man Oregon has been in too many deals already. What he needs is to pay his debts. With the carrying charges off his back he will raise up his head and make his own deal without help from the legislature.

General Martin told a congressional committee that the public lands of Oregon "were not worth a damn." Maybe we will have to elect him governor so that he may learn something about Oregon outside of Portland.

We expect some to start next a referendum on the Ten Commandments.

Folks run into debt but crawl out.

Women, like chickens have less on when dressed.

All a man has when he dies is what he has given away.

THE BOOK

... the first line of which reads, "The Holy Bible," and which contains Four Great Treasures

by BRUCE BARTON

WHEN PROPHETS SPOKE

Queen Jezebel was nothing if not courageous, as we have already seen. When she heard what Elijah had done to her prophets she

sent a messenger to Elijah saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about thistime.

Elijah was forced to flee, and suffered a breakdown from which he never fully recovered. But he had strength enough left to plant himself squarely across the path of King Ahab. That royal gentleman desired to extend his estate and tried to buy the vineyard of a self-respecting citizen named Naboth, who refused to sell. Ahab caused Naboth to be accused of treason, and he was put to death, and his estate, according to the law, was confiscated. King Ahab hurried over to look at his new acreage, and there was Elijah waiting for him.

And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee; because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord.

Behold I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity.

And it came to pass, when Ahab heard these words that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly.

All the starch went out of the kings when the prophets spoke up. Elijah was one of the most heroic of them all, and Mount Carmel, where he faced the idol worshippers, is a monument on the path of human progress. It marks the spot where one man stood against tremendous odds and by his own single-handed courage turned back a nation to spiritual worship. Of him we might say what Whittier wrote of another champion of righteousness:

The world redeemed from superstition's sway
Is breathing free for thy sake to-day.

We are told that Elijah never died but was snatched up to Heaven in a chariot of fire. Elisha, who had been his assistant, put on his mantle and continued his work, a power in the land for many years. So great was his vitality that even death could not destroy it.

And it came to pass, as they were burying a man that, behold, they spied a band of men; and they cast the man into the sepulchre of Elisha; and when the men was let down, and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived, and stood up on his feet.

The earlier prophets did not write their sermons, but about 800 B. C. some of them began doing so. The first to write was Amos. He was not trained in a theological school and did not belong to the priestly party or wear the union label, so that when he began to preach an officious priest tried to stop him. Amos would not be stopped; he had plenty of courage.



FAITH makes business

Years ago I heard the classic anecdote of the little girl who, when asked in Sunday school what was meant by faith, replied: "It's believing what you know ain't so." Faith, of course, is belief in what cannot be proved. And it lies at the bottom of all human relations.

All business is done on faith; that is, on the belief that a dollar invested here will somehow, sometime, come back, bringing a few cents with it. That sort of faith is based on so much experience that the probabilities can be reduced to almost a mathematical certainty.

Just now we are going through a period when almost everything must be based on faith. There is no experience to fall back on, to calculate the chances of the success of the enormous efforts of the government to stimulate the return of prosperity. Humanly speaking, the majority of people have faith that we are going to come out all right, but owners of dollars are still waiting to see the figures.

I think that complete recovery will come when the actual figures of business being done give grounds for renewed faith, and not before.

SEASERPENTS or liars

The way these seaserpents keep popping up all over the world means either that there are monsters in the sea of which science knows nothing, or that the human race has developed a new crop of liars.

It is more than fifty years now since the seaserpents was a current topic of conversation. In my boyhood there was hardly a New England seaport town that didn't have an "old salt" who told seaserpent stories to the children, and incoming ships often reported having sighted one of the monsters. But scientific men ridiculed the notion and sailors got the habit of keeping their mouths shut about them for fear of being laughed at.

The latest seaserpent story is that a couple of them who have been seen frequently in Vancouver Sound have returned to their old haunts.

POWER and cost

I saw some figures the other day which confirmed what I had long understood; that is, that the time has come when it is cheaper to produce electric power from coal or oil fuel than by water-power. We are hearing a great deal these days of developing water-powers at public expense. I have never been very keen about government going into any sort of business. I have never known any governmental unit to do anything economically or efficiently. But if the government must go into the power business, it ought to use the same sort of commonsense a business concern would use.

First the business concern would find out how many present and probable users of power there were in the territory that could be served economically by the proposed plant. There it would find out whether they were already being well served by existing plants.

If and when the government does go into the distribution and sale of electric power, it is my bet that it will cost the users more than any private company would be willing to sell it to them for.

RECOVERY and burnt fingers

I may have too high an opinion of the intelligence of the human race, but it is my belief that it will be a long time before we get into another such era of free spending as we went through from 1922 to 1929.

Those of us who laid up nothing but debts are certainly going to be more thrifty for a long time to come, even if our incomes are restored to what they were.

The wasteful ones will be the youngsters who will be holding the good jobs five years from now. Having money to spend will be a new experience for them. If I were a business man I would try to produce and sell chiefly merchandise that appeals to people under thirty.

GAYETY always available

One of the things the matter with most of us these days is that we are entirely too solemn in our outlook on life. We are taking economic pressure too seriously. In casual conversations overheard on the streets and in trains I seldom hear the note of gayety any more. That may not be true everywhere, but it certainly is the case in the regions where I go the oftenest.

It is entirely possible to maintain a gay outlook on life even in the midst of serious money troubles. It

all comes down to adjusting one's minds to realities. The outstanding fact that so many people never learn is that happiness is never dependent upon possessions. They grow solemn when they fear deprivation of material things.

The most consistently gay folk I know anywhere about, as a class, are the Negroes. I have encountered more genuine gayety in the Black Belt of Mississippi or in Harlem than in Park Avenue or other abodes of wealth.

COUNTIES TO GET FUNDS FOR GRASSHOPPER FIGHT

Oregon counties that are facing a possible serious grasshopper infestation this year will be enabled to obtain federal assistance to carry on eradication work under the terms of a recent appropriation. A committee headed by Paul V. Maris, director of extension at Oregon State college, has been appointed by W. A. Schoenfeld, dean of agriculture, to set up organizations in the counties to bring about the cooperative control work. This was done on instructions from Washington.

Eradication work must be carried on, however, on a community basis. The federal funds are to be devoted largely to purchase of supplies for poisoning operations.

Successful control work was carried on in Klamath county for several years under a plan worked out by the county agent and experiment station entomologists, but county funds for carrying on the campaign have not lately been available.

LAMBS PARALYZED BY DOCKING INFECTIONS

An increase in paralysis among young lambs can frequently be traced to the practice of not thoroughly disinfecting the wound left in docking, according to investigations made by Dr. J. N. Shaw, assistant veterinarian at Oregon State college.

Organisms frequently enter the spinal tract from this wound and cause abscesses which in turn bring on paralysis. Several recent post mortems performed on lambs revealed these abscesses at various points along the back almost to the neck.

Growers who follow the old practice of using turpentine on the wound in docking do not get effective disinfection, says Dr. Shaw. Sheep dip or any other standard disinfectant will serve, while turpentine does nothing more than possibly relieve the soreness.

KOAC LISTS OFFERINGS FOR APRIL, MAY, JUNE

Exactly what can be heard over KOAC, Oregon's state-owned radio station, each hour in the day for the next three months is announced in the new program booklet for April, May and June just off the press and ready for distribution to all who request copies.

One of the most popular daily features—the homemaker's half-hour, conducted by Mrs. Zelta Rodenwald each afternoon from 3 to 3:30 o'clock. Each day is devoted to a different theme, which runs in most cases through the three-month period. Each Monday, for instance, is the "Homemakers Recreation Exchange," directed by Miss Gertrude Skow, who answers questions and speaks on such topics as "Let the Family Play," "When You Give a Shower for the Bride," "Picnics that Suit the Children," and others.

INSPECTORS FOR WHEAT CROP TO START WORK

County wheat production control associations in Oregon will soon begin selecting local inspectors to examine each farm under contract to see if the agreed reduction of acreage and the required seeding has taken place. These inspectors will all be local men and will be trained briefly in special schools. There will be about one inspector to each 100 farms. Their salaries will be set and paid by the county association, which will probably encourage economy. Second payment of the 1933 cash benefits will await the completion of the inspection during May and June.

TWO INJURED WHEN AUTO CRASHES STUMP

Fred Wright of Marcola lost one finger and suffered from two other badly injured ones, and Dave Munsel received a broken rib Saturday evening when the automobile in which they were riding became unmanageable and struck a stump along the side of the road.

JOHN D. GOSS FOR DEMOCRATIC CHOICE AS U. S. REPRESENTATIVE

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LUMBER PRODUCTION SHOWS SLOW DECLINE

Average Production Nearly 80 Per Cent Better Than for Previous Period Last Year

SEATTLE, Washington, April 19.—A total of 579 down and operating mills in Oregon and Washington which reported to the West Coast Lumbermen's association for the week ending April 7, produced 93,713,578 board feet of lumber. This was approximately 2,500,000 feet less than the preceding week. The average production of this group of sawmills in 1934 has been 85,485,353 feet; during the same period in 1933 their weekly average was 56,795,797 feet.

The new business reported last week by 572 mills was 86,256,922 board feet against a production of 93,637,396 feet and shipments of 87,307,298 feet. Their shipments were under production by 6.8 per cent and their current sales were under production by 7.9 per cent. This order booked last week by this group of identical mills were under the preceding week by about 9,000,000 feet or 9.4 per cent.

The unfilled order file at these mills stood at 387,402,745 board feet, a decrease of approximately 4,000,000 feet under the week before.

The aggregate inventories of 130 mills are 9.5 per cent more than at this time last year.

H. S. AGRICULTURE STUDENTS SET MEET

Delegates from nearly every high school in Oregon where agriculture is taught will be guests of the school of agriculture at Oregon State college for the sixth annual Future Farmer of America convention at Corvallis April 26-28. Plans are being made to entertain from 250 to 300 of these Smith-Hughes students and their instructors.

The program for the three days will consist as usual of educational lectures, judging contests, demonstrations, business meetings and some athletic and other entertainment events. A special feature this year will be the visit of the national F. F. A. president, Bobby Jones of Radnor, Ohio. He will stop at the Oregon convention enroute back from a trip to the Hawaiian Islands where he has visited the F. F. A. chapters.

WESTERN PAINTINGS ON EXHIBIT AT UNIVERSITY

The collection of all-weather paintings which were placed on exhibition at the University of Oregon last Thursday will remain there in the art gallery in the school of fine arts building until next Wednesday, April 25.

As an additional feature of the exhibit is the lectures given by members of the art faculty for the purpose of interpreting the subject matter and themes. The exhibit is being sponsored by the American Association of University Women on the Oregon campus.

MOTT SEEKS ACTION ON FARM FINANCE BILL

Early action on the Frazier bill by the house of representatives in Washington is being sought by Congressman Mott. The bill which has been the subject of much discussion in Washington since it was first drawn provides for federal refinancing of farm mortgages where the mortgagor is owner and operator of the farm, at a total of 3 per cent interest, 1 1/2 per cent to be applied on the principal and 1 1/2 per cent on the interest, the whole loan to be amortized over a period of 47 years.

The Oregon legislature has passed a resolution memorializing congress to enact the bill.



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STATE BAND CONTEST TO BE APRIL 20-21 AT O. S. C.

The largest assemblage of Oregon high school bands ever to be brought together is assured for the eleventh annual Oregon State high school band contest at Corvallis April 20 and 21 on the basis of advance entry lists.

Latest indications are for 24 full bands to be entered from a: many schools, and solo contestants from five other schools not entering complete organizations. Jefferson high school of Portland, Silverton and Hill Military academy are the three class winners of last year which will be defending champions.

Challengers in class A entered early were Grant and Roosevelt of Portland, Corvallis, La Grande, West Linn, Medford, Eugene, and Salem. In class B early entries were Marshfield, Oregon City and Woodrow Wilson junior high of Eugene. Class C contestants assured early are Beaverton, Burns, Estacada, St. Helens, Hood River, Arlington and probably Dallas and Tillamook. Bands are classified according to enrollment in the high school. Additional soloists entered early from Milwaukie, Lebanon, University high and Roosevelt junior high, Eugene; and Franklin high, Portland.

O. S. C. Foresters in Demand

A strong demand for forestry graduates has been experienced at Oregon State college in recent months, reports T. J. Starker, professor of forestry there. Men from the college have recently taken positions in many states other than Oregon. The Great Lakes state took six, Illinois two, Arkansas three, Arizona four, California six, Nevada, North Dakota, Washington, and Oklahoma each one. Out of 40 O. S. C. men who took the latest civil service examination for junior forester all but two were successful.

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