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RECALL AND TAXATION

We can see no justification in holding an expensive election to recall Representative Howard Merriam from the legislature. Granting that he did break a promise to vote for the Townsend old age pension memorial, and there has been no evidence produced to date that he ever promised to vote for it, there can be little if any practical benefit for even the Townsend plan backers. Before the petitions can be circulated, checked, an election called and the vote canvassed the session of the legislature will be over and Mr. Merriam's work finished. Win or lose all the Townsend supporters will have done will be to present Lane county with a bill for \$4,000 or \$5,000 election expense.

Recalls create lasting ill feeling and are generally boomerangs to the promoters. Every candidate that has come into office in this county as the result of a recall of another has ultimately lost that office by vote of the people at subsequent elections. Level headed citizens in the Townsend movement should carefully consider whether they are helping or injuring their cause by making an example of Mr. Merriam.

With half the property in Lane county tax delinquent, \$500 pieces up for sheriff sale and more than a million dollars worth of various kinds of warrants outstanding for which there is no money to pay, the creating of even a \$5,000 recall election bill is a serious matter. Even the puny old age pensions which has been loaded on the property taxpayers' backs at the present time is a very heavy burden. Better the \$5,000 the election would cost be used to increase some of the lower schedule pensions.

We sympathize with the old people in their sincere efforts to secure an old age pension of some kind. They are surely deserving of something. But for the young men who have climbed on this movement for purely political purposes we have the utmost contempt. They are opportunists of the most flagrant type and we doubt very much if any of them truly have the old people's interest at heart.

Surely the taxpayers of the county should be considered before we rush into a recall election in which it is evident that the net results will benefit nobody and be a big bill of expense.

The United States senate has rejected the proposal for entry of this county into the world court. Some claim that the world court is but the front door to the league of nations and a means of getting us into all the old world conflicts. This country has had its lesson in "messing" into international affairs beyond the sea. It is a good deal like interfering in a fight between man and wife. Both sides give you a kick. The idea behind the world court is all right but the world is not yet ready for it. The different nations because of inherent racial differences, different languages, and jealousies handed down from past centuries do not think alike. In America we can move across the Canadian border and find people thinking and acting pretty much the same as at home. Not so in the old world. A few miles across the borders are as different as night and day and just as difficult to compromise.

There are 300,000 corporations in this country but 200 of them control half of the corporate wealth. Dr. Dexter M. Keezer, president of Reed College and a member of the Roosevelt "brain trust" told the editors of Oregon in convention last week. Dr. Keezer thinks that many of these 200 corporations which virtually have monopolies in their lines are inefficient and are not contributing what they rightfully should to the public welfare. He would carefully investigate all of them in an attempt to eliminate those not efficient as the major work in industrial change for this country. His suggestion is worthy of consideration but it would be a huge task to adequately investigate even these 200 large corporations to say nothing of the smaller ones. Still a start might be made and whatever was accomplished would be that much.

Governor Martin gets mad and fires the game board. Let's see, it was Governor Meier who took the game board out of politics.

THE BOOK

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

by **BRUCE BARTON**

MASTER OF SITUATIONS

In all the three years of his public work there was not one moment when Jesus failed to be complete master of the situation. He was accessible to anybody—in the market-place, in the temple and on the main streets—fair game for the keen and clever. It became quite a recognized sport to match wits with him. Pharisees tried it; Scribes tried it; "a certain lawyer," tried it. Always they came off second best. At length the very chiefs of the priests came one afternoon. Lesser antagonists had gone down; now the leaders themselves would take the matter in hand. They would demolish this presumptuous upstart; by the splendor of their presence and their offices, they would awe him into line.

"By what authority do you do these things," they demanded brusquely, "and who gave you this authority?"

If they expected him to yield an inch they received the surprise of their lives. His retort was instantaneous.

"I'll ask you a question," he exclaimed, "and if you answer it, then I'll tell you by what authority I work. Answer me now, what about John; was his work in baptizing inspired by Heaven or by men?"

They caught their breath. Their heads went together; excited and disturbing whispers were exchanged. What should they say? If we answer that John had come from Heaven, he will say, "Well, why then didn't you believe him?" If we say, that he came from men, this crowd of fools will tear us to pieces, because every last one of them believes that John was a prophet. What shall we do? Better tell him we don't know; better get out of here as quickly as we can.

"We don't know," they muttered.

"All right," said Jesus serenely. "You don't answer my question. Neither will I answer yours."

It was a perfect triumph. Amid the jeers of the delighted crowd they gathered up their fine robes and went away.

You would think as you read the narratives that the wise ones would have been wise enough to let him alone. Even a child having burned his fingers once, knows enough to avoid the fire. But their jealousy and anger drove them back again and again; and every time he was too much for them. In the very last week the "Pharisees and Herodians" gathered together a picked delegation of sharp wits and sent them with what looked like an absolutely fool-proof bomb. They started in with flattery; after all he was a simple fellow from the provinces—a few kind words and his head would be turned. Then they would catch him off his guard.

SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED FOR HOME IMPROVEMENT

The Eugene Garden club, associated with the Oregon Federation of Garden clubs, offers a 1935 4-H club summer school scholarship to the Lane county boy or girl who does the best work in the home beautification project.

The scholarship provides for the board and room for the winning member at the summer school held in June at the State college. Approximately \$800 boys and girls from all over Oregon attended the annual event for the two week's instruction in Agriculture and Home Economics projects. A full program of supervised recreation is also arranged for the members attending. Approximately 65 club members from Lane county will attend the coming year.

The Home Beautification project requires the improvement of home conditions, making plans for the improvement of home grounds, planting flowers, bulbs and shrubs. The Lane County boys and girls interested in the project should enroll with the County Club Agent and secure the necessary instruction for the project work. The project will be finished, it is expected, by June 1, to determine the county winner of the scholarship offered by the Eugene Garden club.

CHEAP MOLASSES READY FOR LIVESTOCK FEED

Surplus molasses made from "over-quota" cane in the sugar producing sections, will be available for stock feeding during the late winter months at prices that make it a good buy in some instances with grain, drought relief officials at Oregon State college have been notified from Washington.

The molasses would be imported from American possessions in some instances and then shipped to communities in tank cars. It is supposed to have a feeding value ton for ton about equal to corn. OSC livestock men say it can be used to advantage on low grade roughage such as straw or poor hay where better feeds are not available. Livestock owners desiring to obtain some of this molasses are advised to get in touch with the county drought relief administrator, or in other counties with the agricultural agent, who will arrange shipments if enough demand develops.

CANNING SCHOOL FOR SMALL OR LARGE UNITS

Operators of small community canning plants as well as managers of the large commercial concerns will profit by attending the fourteenth annual canners' school at Oregon State college, starting February 4, the first week of the school will be devoted to latest information on canning fundamentals and the principles involved in using various equipment.

In the second week a considerable number of visiting specialists in vegetable and fruit canning, frozen pack processing and cherry brining methods will supplement the work given by the OSC staff members. The entire school is open to the public at a cost of only one dollar for registration.

RELIEF WORKERS PLAN SERIES OF INSTITUTES

Red Cross chapter workers recently elected to their positions, or those who desire special advanced training in various phases of the welfare and health programs, will have opportunity to attend a series of Chapter Workers' Institutes in Pacific Northwest cities. A. L. Schafer, Red Cross manager in the Pacific area, announces.

Book Dedicated to Dam

Corvallis—The current issue of "The Beaver," yearbook of the students at Oregon State college, is being dedicated to the Bonneville dam. The theme running through the book will be that of portraying the industrial development and its relationship to the training of Oregon State students and the services of the institution. Natural resources of the state and the Pacific northwest will be emphasized.

LEGION TAKES LEAD IN RANGE FOR ARMORY

Steps to have a gas connection made at the Armory so a stove might be connected and lunches served were taken last Thursday evening by the Springfield American Legion post. Each of the organizations using the Armory are expected to bear their pro-rata share of the expense. A stove has already been secured.

It was reported at the meeting that the Legion has 35 members of a quota of 40 set for this year.

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HOP MEN STUDY MARKET CONTROL

Hold-Over Contracts Seen As Barrier To Crop Reduction Plan This Season

With the completion at Yakima last week of the third of three official hearings on a hop marketing agreement, the question of the adoption or rejection of such a plan is before the AAA Officials in Washington, D. C.

The three hearings, held at Santa Rosa, Calif., Salem and Yakima, brought out voluminous testimony which was entered in the official record to be examined by the administration at Washington. From it and the personal report of R. H. McDrew, marketing specialist on the hearing board, the secretary of agriculture will determine the exact form of the marketing agreement which will be offered the industry, if any.

Acresage Cut Questioned
Emphasis at the Yakima hearing was placed on the minimum price fixing features of the proposed agreement. Some difficulty was foreseen in enforcing a cut in production at this time in view of the prevalence of contracts now in force which have a year or more to run.

The matter of wages was also brought out in the Yakima hearing, where it was said labor troubles may be expected if growers do not receive prices enabling them to pay more for harvesting.

Oregon growers in large numbers attended the hearing in Salem, where they spent two days in intensive study of the situation confronting the industry. While the proposed agreement was recognized as having serious limitations in its present form, the sentiment was overwhelmingly in favor of trying out the best agreement which could be obtained.

Growers Want Control
Considerable argument was had over the organization set-up, which ended in an advisory vote favoring maintaining a majority grower control of the industry board which would administer the agreement.

Possibility that a marketing agreement would bring definite grades and standards to the hop industry for the first time was indicated in the meeting when most of the sentiment expressed favored such a move. The Oregon delegation urged fixing of minimum prices only on the lowest saleable grade, allowing supply and demand to rule above that minimum figure.

INCOME TAX AGENT TO AID IN FILING BLANKS

Deputy collectors in the Internal Revenue service, will be at the City hall in Eugene from February 1-19, and from March 2-15, both dates inclusive, to assist persons in filing their income tax report blanks for 1934.

These deputies will also be at Cottage Grove on February 20, and Junction City on February 19.

All income tax blanks must be filed and filed on or before March 15. Persons who do not have blanks may secure them from one of these deputies, or by writing to the Internal Revenue office in Portland.

SPENCER FUNERAL HELD IN EUGENE ON FRIDAY

Funeral services for the late Fred Spencer who died Wednesday of last week were held Friday from the Poole chapel in Eugene. Rev. Dean C. Poindexter officiated, and interment was made in the Rest Haven cemetery.

MOTOR BILL HITS AT BAD DRIVERS

Oregon Measure Is Modeled After Other State Law; Financial Responsibility

Eliminating the irresponsible driver from the streets and highways of Oregon and providing an incentive for safe and sane operation of motor vehicles are among the goals sought through the Safety Responsibility bill, which is due to be presented at the 1935 session of the legislature.

Described as another step toward traffic safety, now being sought in an intensive "Let's Quit Killing" program sponsored by the Oregon State Motor association, the proposed measure is intended to put a clamp on a small minority of careless and indifferent drivers.

Disregards Minor Offenses
It is not intended to penalize motorists for trifling offenses, according to W. R. McDonald, director in charge of safety for the motor association, but applies only to those convicted in criminal or civil proceedings for violation of the law, or those responsible for traffic accidents.

Sixty-five per cent of all automobile drivers in the United States are now operating under this law or similar statutes. The bill for Oregon was drafted after a thorough study of the laws of 22 states and several provinces of Canada.

It is virtually the same as the model bill of the American Automobile association, passed upon by the legal department of the American Bar association.

Teeth in New Bill

The bill is designed to accomplish the following results:

1. Persons whose drivers' licenses have been suspended or revoked will be barred from further driving until they furnish satisfactory proof of their ability to compensate financially for any future damages caused by their driving.

2. Driving rights and ownership registration of all persons against who a final judgment has been legally rendered, and who have failed to satisfy the judgment, will be suspended, and for reinstatement, guarantee of future financial stability must be provided.

3. The law will be made nationally reciprocal so that its requirement of suspension will apply to the operator's license and registration certificate of any person who has been convicted of serious traffic law violations in any other state or in Canada, or who fails to satisfy a judgment against him in any other state or Canada, arising out of negligent operation of a motor vehicle.

Motorists convicted of serious violations will be segregated and subjected to special regulations, but motorists who do not come under this heading will not be penalized under the Safety Responsibility law.

CHERRY GROWERS MEET AT SALEM ON FRIDAY

A meeting of all cherry growers in the state to prevent a lowering of the federal tariff duty on cherries in brine will be held at Salem tomorrow, February 1, according to a call issued by Max Gelhar, director of the department of agriculture. Representatives of cooperative and private handlers of cherries are expected to attend, also growers, representative of farm organizations, and chambers of commerce.

AUTO DEATH TOTAL IN ALARMING FIGURES

All previous records for deaths caused by automobile accidents in the United States were shattered in 1934 when, according to preliminary estimates, 36,000 persons lost their lives on streets and highways. It is revealed by the Oregon State Motor association.

Death toll for the previous year amounting to 29,900 contrasts grimly with the latest total, indicating that for every five persons killed in traffic accidents in 1933, six were killed in 1934.

While deaths in Oregon, totaling 302 for the year, showed an increase of 22 per cent, figures from the federal census bureau reveal that reductions were achieved in nearly one-third of the 56 cities reporting regularly. Portland, however, recorded an increase of 52 per cent at the end of the year.

FORESTRY GODMOTHER GIVES OSC 240 ACRES

Corvallis—Purchase of 240 acres of additional timber adjoining the present "McDonald" experimental forest operated by the school of forestry at OSC has just been made possible, by an additional gift of \$6000 for the purpose from Mrs. Mary J. L. McDonald of San Francisco. The addition gives the school the most accessible experimental forest among all forestry schools of the United States, the tract being only seven miles from the campus.

Mrs. McDonald, now popularly known as "The Godmother to the school of forestry," has made possible the acquisition of 2600 acres for the school. She has extensive timber interests in Oregon and is keenly interested in advancing forestry study.

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