

EDITORIAL

How Oregon Looks to California

In the Roseburg News Review of September 2, 1947, Mrs. George Klemme, native of California now living in Roseburg, has the following to say regarding the sales tax:

"Oregon is a swell state and beautiful, also, so why be jealous of California. To me it can only be called jealousy and being narrow minded not wanting a change; just wanting to stay in the same old rut. California does have it all over Oregon as to highways and old-age pensions. Shame on Oregon for the little dab of pensions that she is paying the old folks! It's a disgrace! Oregon has to have money to take care of all this, we all know; so, if it takes a sales tax for better living conditions, let's have the sales tax and the quicker the better. I don't like the sales tax either, but it isn't so bad when put in force and the public gets used to it. That way everyone is paying for the upkeep and good of our state, and the tourists are helping also.

"Don't envy and be jealous of California. She is our neighbor, so let's compete with her. California and Oregon are grand states, so let's put the sales tax in force, like California, for the good of the state and all of us concerned."

Income Taxes Down, If—

If you are interested in your own income taxes do you know that the 1947 legislature repealed the 1946 personal income tax schedules and substituted an entirely new schedule?

According to information released by the Oregon Sales Tax Committee, W. A. Johnson, chairman and Earl H. Hill, manager, the law, now in effect, provides that if the sales tax passes then in that event income taxes will be materially reduced by increasing exemptions and dependent deductions. On the other hand, if the sales tax fails income taxes will be very definitely increased by lowered exemptions.

If the sales tax passes income taxes will be reduced by \$3 million annually in comparison with the 1946 schedules.

If the sales tax fails income taxes will be increased \$4 million annually.

An unmarried taxpayer had a personal exemption of \$750 in 1946. If the sales tax passes his 1947 exemption will be \$900. If the sales tax does not pass his exemption will be \$500. A married couple with no dependents had an exemption of \$1,500 in 1946. It will be \$1,800 under the sales tax and \$1,000 if the sales tax fails to pass. A married couple with two dependents had an

exemption of \$2,100 in 1946. With the sales tax it will be \$2,600 in 1947 and \$1,600 without the tax.

Turkey Raisers Like Idea

The Eastern Oregon Wheat League started something when it sponsored passage of a bill to tax each bushel of wheat sold commercially one cent to provide a fund for advancing the improvement association with a proposal to levy an assessment of one cent per bird to be used in promoting greater use of turkey meat.

As this plan of industry self-help is not backed by legislation it will be on a voluntary basis. Growers who choose not to contribute to the program may have the amount of deduction returned.

The association changed its by-laws to permit membership by any turkey grower whether he is participating in the official breeding improvement plan or not. Those who permit deduction of one cent per bird marketed will automatically become members. As the association was already the only statewide organization of turkey growers, this plan will strengthen its voice in industry affairs.

The market outlook for turkeys is more encouraging this fall than it was a year ago. C. W. Norton, manager of the Northwest Poultry and Dairy Products company, declared. He cautioned against holding birds in the hope of continuously rising prices, saying this might result in a seasonal surplus which would depress the market.

With talk of eighty cents a pound turkey for the Thanksgiving dinner no doubt a great many prospective consumers won't care whether the growers hold their birds or turn them loose on cause of wheat. Now comes the Oregon Turkey, the market.

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This unlighted trailer, moving slowly along the darkened highway, was completely invisible to an overtaking motorist as he came suddenly upon it from around a corner. He crashed into it and was fatally injured. Just one more of the many bitter ironies of highway deaths, where a lawbreaker who was indifferent to his own safety and the safety of others escaped injury, while an innocent victim paid for that indifference with his life.

What A Prominent Farmer Thinks of Proposed Sales Tax

"As a farmer making my entire income from agriculture, I am supporting the sales tax for Oregon because I realize that this presents the only way of protecting my investment and livelihood." Lowell Steen, president of the Oregon Farm Bureau federation, told a KEX audience on that radio station farm hour.

"All of us were ashamed of the ridiculously low salaries the state police were receiving before the raise authorized by the recent session of the legislature. We are ashamed of the buildings and facilities which we have provided to care for our mentally sick, our corrective institutions—particularly juvenile detention and corrective institutions.

"We further realize that these necessary functions require support through some form of taxation. We accept our share of the benefits which come from schools, better roads, police protection, research and progress. Because of this, we have always been willing to pay our fair share of taxes—yes and sometimes more than our share. We know that a reasonable property tax is necessary.

"However, I would point out here, that a property tax is based upon 'benefits received from government' and definitely not upon 'ability to pay'. I do not need to tell the rest of you farmers that there have been times in the past and no doubt will be times in the future when we let our property taxes become delinquent, not because we did not want to pay them, but because

unsafe actions by workmen on the other.

"Success of the safety program depends upon the cooperation of management and labor," says State Representative Ralph T. Moore, who calls attention to the shortening of the work week which means greater pressure during the time on the job and also makes more valuable any time lost because of accidents.

"The state industrial accident commission is like an insurance company in which the people of Oregon are the stockholders and the members of the legislature form the board of directors," Moore declared, and urged the extension of the safety program to cover auto driving and other on-the-job activities.

"A FISH IN EVERY BASKET"

Last Saturday Governor and Mrs. Earl Snell were featured guests at a banquet opening the Waldport Salmon Derby. Attorney General Neuner did not attend as he is conducting an anti-gambling crusade on pinball machines. The governor was requested to direct Neuner to give full-time attention to the gambling of Eastern Oregon yearlings for the next 30 days. The derby ends November 8. Governor Snell declares fishing is no gamble at Waldport and his slogan is, "A fish in every basket."

Neuner to desist. Since then salmon derbies in the state have been conducted in a legal manner, the expenses met by local interests. The objectives being to stimulate trade and advertise the community.

PROBING GAME COMMISSION

Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson, former chief of the federal fish and wildlife service with offices in Washington, D. C., has been invited to help out the Oregon legislative committee appointed to investigate why more people cannot catch more fish.

The first hearing of the committee was held at Roseburg last week. The pet peeve expressed by the Douglas county fish clubbers was the lack of game law enforcement. Half of the fishermen would turn game law enforcement over to the game commission. The others would step up the activities of the state police who now have that chore. The invitation to Gabrielson was sent by the committee following the meeting at Roseburg.

Gabrielson is known to have an unholly hatred for predatory animals. He classifies game law violators and "all species of people" who are not conservation minded, along with salmon packers (whom he puts at the bottom of his "again" list) "as predatory animals."

Gabrielson was with the Fish and Wildlife service for 30 years and resigned in 1946, April 1 (to go fishin' for keeps).

WHAT'S GAMBLING?

The governor and the attorney general have been receiving many letters recently from citizens who do not understand why pari mutual betting and salmon derbies are permitted in Oregon and lotteries, pinball machines, etc., are considered illegal.

The letters and phone calls have been on the increase since Attorney General Neuner sent Oregon district attorneys a mandate two weeks ago to stop the operation of all gambling devices.

What many good citizens do not know is that pari mutual betting on state licensed races was legalized by the legislature many years ago and the law has been declared constitutional by the supreme court. At the first salmon derbies in this state which were held at Astoria, chances on valuables were sold. This was ruled to be a lottery and the derby officials were warned by

I.C.A. Adopts Long Range Program To Prevent Accidents

Active support of a long-range accident prevention program aimed at the reduction in frequency of log truck transportation accidents which has been developed by the accident prevention division of the state industrial accident commission was pledged by both labor and management at a state-wide safety conference held in Salem last week, according to Paul E. Gurske, chairman of the commission.

Three important factors in the success of this program were emphasized at this meeting; the selection of the right type of equipment to do a particular job, the necessity of a regular preventative maintenance program for all equipment and the training of workmen in their respective jobs.

The use of improper equipment and equipment in poor mechanical condition was held responsible for many accidents and in some instances accidents were caused by log loads which greatly exceeded weight limits of trucks.

Many logging operators at the conference stated that a policy of regular and complete inspection of equipment used in loading, unloading and the transportation of logs had resulted in the saving of loss of production time and a great reduction in accidents and subsequent possible injury to workmen.

A model of log truck brake system was shown at the conference and concrete suggestions made relative to obtaining the maximum results from brakes on different types of roads and during adverse climatic conditions.

The proper training of workmen was stressed and an interesting series of demonstrations made by using mechanical devices which checked reaction time, visual acuity, angle vision and depth perception of truck drivers and other workmen.

Department Store Payrolls Up 166 Per Cent In Ten Years

Payrolls of department stores in Oregon increased 166 percent from 1936 to 1946 and indications are for still further gains this year, according to a group survey just completed by the state unemployment compensation commission.

In the same period employment went from a low of 6,699 in March, 1936, to a peak of 14,473 in December, 1946. Payroll gains were recorded every year with the exception of 1938, increasing from \$8,397,000 in 1936 to \$22,326,000 ten years later. Employment declined slightly from 1942 until 1945, but payrolls continued upwards.

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While employment is showing its usual seasonal upswing this year, percentage gains over 1946 are growing less each month and may vanish altogether by December, according to latest estimates from 35 department stores, which employ 83 percent of all covered workers in the group.

Although Portland has only one of the 35 stores, it has approximately seven-eighths of all employees. Largely because big stores hire more women workers, the proportion of women in the Portland group is 70 percent. This compares with 66 percent in western Oregon stores, 63 percent in eastern Oregon and 61 percent in southern Oregon.

World war II veterans accounted for 17.7 percent of the

employees in June, 1947, as compared to 7.6 percent in February, 1946.

Monthly employment figures show seasonal gains around Easter and in the fall, but the highest point always comes in the few weeks preceding Christmas. Holiday business this year is expected to require 1,089 added employees.

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30 YEARS AGO

From Hepner Gazette Times

W. P. Scrivner died suddenly last Sunday morning. He had been in failing health for several years and his sudden demise was not unexpected.

Creston Maddock left Hepner last Monday for Eugene where he will attend the University of Oregon for his third year.

E. M. Shutt, ex-sheriff and one-time editor, is taking up some of the slack around the Gazette Times office while part of the force is in Portland.

Green tomatoes and pickling onions in any quantity at the Cummings Fruit and Vegetable Market, Hepner.

The Misses Anna and Mary Carty, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. James Carty of Juniper, have gone to Pendleton to attend St. Joseph's academy.

Lawrence Redding of Eight Mile recently suffered some severe loss when his barn was burned and six head of fine mules lost their lives in the flames. The fire was caused by combustion due to putting green hay in the barn, is the belief of Mr. Redding who was in town Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Jones are the parents of a son born Wednesday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Adkins last Sunday.

A new son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Shaw last week.

Thomson Bros. store presents a neat, fresh appearance to the public view this week as the result of a new coat of paint placed thereon by M. J. Bradford.

Chas. W. Acocok and Luella Stamp were married in this city Tuesday morning at the Federated church parsonage.

Miss Alta Spurlock and Mr. Chris Brown were married in Pendleton Saturday noon, Sept. 22.

M. H. Kopple, who has been conducting the Fair store in this city the past several months, moved his stock of goods to Condon this week.

S. P. Devin has sold his Willow creek ranch at the mouth of Skinner creek to Ralph Thompson of Portland.

County Clerk Waters issued a marriage license to Chas. H. Fur-

Capital Parade
By Nurra Wade

SALEMITE WINS NATIONAL ACCLAIM

In Washington, D. C., last week an Oregon citizen stole the show at a meeting of leaders from every state in the Union. They had assembled to apply the Socratic treatment to the nationwide parking problem. Carl W. Hogg, Salem merchant and chamber of commerce leader, went to learn how to combat property value losses in congested business areas and turned out to be the chief instructor of the investigators. Two years ago the Salemite spearheaded a \$65,000 campaign to finance a long-range planning commission by the Salem chamber of commerce which has made more advancement along this line than any city in the nation.

OREGON LEADS IN NUMBER

Oregon is topping the nation in lumber production and expanded efforts are being made by the state industrial accident commission to reduce accidents among the 66,000 men now employed in the industry here. The contributing causes of accidents are physical and mechanical conditions on the one side and

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