

EDITORIAL

Fire Prevention Week

As this is written, a nice shower of rain is falling and it would seem almost out of order to bring up the matter of fire prevention, and perhaps the subject would not be under discussion were it not that the calendar says this is "fire prevention week." And fire prevention week was instituted to bring to the public mind the tremendous annual toll taken by the red demon, a toll in human life and property that staggers the imagination.

If fire should strike a town the size of Pendleton, for example, and wipe out all the human life therein, we would be shocked beyond measure. Yet, the number of lives taken each year in this country by fire almost equals the number of people included in the population of Pendleton. The shock is somewhat lessened by the fact that the deaths are not concentrated in one area but are scattered over these entire United States.

Loss of life resulting from fires has averaged 10,000 persons annually for the past ten years. Property loss has steadily increased since 1934, reaching a total of \$561,487,000 in 1946, and it now appears that unless prompt action is taken to reduce this needless waste the figures for 1947 will be much greater. Actually the losses for the first three months of 1947 approximate \$193,862,000.

A paragraph from the report of the President's conference on fire prevention has this to say relative to the national fire losses:

"Even a nation as prodigiously endowed with natural resources and with the wealth and economic stability of the United States cannot continue to absorb, without permanent impairment, the profligate loss year after year of a half-billion dollars in irreplaceable material resources.

In an era such as the present, when there is a universal scarcity of nearly every commodity needed to feed, clothe and shelter not only our own people but the starving and war-torn world about us as well, the destruction becomes not only more tragic but completely inexcusable."

To combat this fearful waste, the conference incorporated the essential features into six committees, designated as follows: Building construction, operation and protection; fire fighting services; fire prevention education; laws and law enforcement; research, and organized public support. As these committees get into action the public will be apprised of their plans and progress. In the meantime, it is just as well to keep in mind the dangers involved in carelessness about fire and that each and every one of us act as a committee of one to do everything in our power to reduce this appalling loss of life and property.

The publishers and staff feel gratified at the interest taken by friends and patrons of the Gazette Times in our new office and general shop arrangement. Callers were numerous Monday evening at our little housewarming and observance of National Newspaper week, making for a pleasant social occasion. We are sorry that many more did not call during the evening, as preparations were ample, and we hope that by next year we will be in position to make a more distinct effort in calling attention of the public to the part the newspapers play in our everyday life. To those of our friends who have not visited the office since the "revolution" we want to say that the latchstring is always on the outside and we will be ready to greet you.



NATIONAL TAX MEETING

The tax problems of state and federal governments were hit from all directions by tax experts at a meeting in Chicago last week which Governor Earl Snell attended as a member of the executive committee of the national governor's conference. The state-federal meeting adopted resolutions, which were endorsed by Governor Snell, recommending that the federal government reduce excise taxes as soon as possible, amend inheritance and estate taxes to provide more equitable division between government and state, relinquish the states and federal tax on

for Morrow county will be held in Heppner beginning next Monday morning.

To our patrons: On Friday of each week, the Palace Hotel will offer a meatless bill of fare, in response to Herbert Hoover's request for one meatless day each week.

Mrs. J. H. Cox and daughter, Miss Vivian Cox, departed for Portland Monday where they will spend the week.

Fifteen cents a quart for milk is facing Portland and Tacoma.

Madras will vote Oct. 22 on a \$5,500,000 bond issue for a reclamation project.

Threshing of the 1917 crop in Morrow county is about done. Here and there are a few parties who are somewhat isolated and have been unable to get a machine.

Dr. A. D. McMurdo returned from Portland Monday evening after an absence of several days.

No little excitement was caused in Ione on Friday when the barn on the Frank Holmes premises was destroyed by fire, of unknown origin.

J. A. Troedson of Morgan has purchased a quarter section of land lying adjacent to his place, from J. A. Johnson of California. The consideration was \$2500.

The entire student body of Heppner high school was taken on a jaunt to the mountains in the vicinity of Slocum's mill on Friday afternoon. Some inconvenience was experienced by blowouts and other automobile troubles.

THE ALTAR SOCIETY of St. Patrick's church will hold a food and apron sale beginning at 11 a.m., Saturday, Oct. 11, at the Pacific Power & Light Co. office.

employers levied to cover expenses of the state employment security programs. The states would assume responsibility for administration of this program. Congress should act quickly to correct the income tax inequities between states which have and those who do not have community property laws. The states should avoid tax fields which are peculiarly adaptable to federal uses, and must cease relying upon the federal government to do things for them and their citizens which they can do as well, or better than, the federal government. The last resolution was supported by lumber and commercial fishing interests.

Representing the federal government were members of the senate and house tax committees. The meeting also endorsed reduced government expenses and reduction of the national debt.

LIQUOR BOARD UPHOLD
The state supreme court, reversing Circuit Judge Frank J. Lonergan of Portland, upheld this week the state liquor commission's order which suspended the restaurant liquor license of Joseph and Croce Casciato, who operate the Rio Villa in Portland. Judge Lonergan had canceled the commission's suspension order on grounds that the commission abused its discretion. The commission had suspended the license on grounds the establishment sold to minors and permitted minors to loiter about the place.

The high court decision, by Justice Percy Kelly, holds that the commission acted within its rights in suspending the license.

HOUSES FOR OFFICES
That tax return you toiled over so many days and nights may end up in the kitchen sink. Skeltons may come out of closets to grin at your bookkeeping, and because in their day they never had to report—much less—pay a tax on their income.

It is all about the crowded condition of the state's income tax division. All state offices are crowded but none so elbowroomless as the income tax department. The only relief in sight is to let the department have extra room in two old Salem residences just across the street from the Capitol. The state owns the houses but can't build—just now.

The commission is losing many thousands of dollars in tax revenues each year because it lacks working space for more auditors and clerical help.

STATE AS MEDIATOR
In most local labor disputes the Oregon mediation board will, in the future, assume the role of conciliator. State Labor Commissioner W. E. Kimsey reported after conferring with federal commissioners on charges in the U. S. service under the Taft-Hartley act. The state board is being revived by the governor to resume the work taken over ten years ago by the federal agency. Re-

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8:30 P. M.
Rhea Creek Grange Hall
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gional directors of the federal service informed Kimsey the U. S. office will continue to handle some cases until the state board is operative. Only cases involving major interstate commerce problems will be handled thereafter.

CAPITOL CORRIDOR ECHOES
Property valuations in every county in Oregon were raised this year and will be used for tax levying purposes. Rep. Harris Ellsworth who injured a heel bone while touring Germany will arrive home next week. Entry permits are still required in Rogue River, Ochocho and Deschutes national forests and small tracts in Jackson, Klamath, Deschutes, Crook and Wheeler counties. Former Georgia Gov. Arnall's stand for lowering the voting age to 18 years started a letter writing campaign from Eugene where he spoke last week. Oregon property assessments, exclusive of utilities, for the year 1947 topped the billion dollar mark for the first time in the state's history, aggregating \$1,057,429,780.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

How to Tell You're Getting Old

Doc Walters gave me this formula: It's a sure-fire sign you're getting old when you resent other people having a good time.

And the Doc means it hasn't much to do with age. There are old folks in our town who get a big kick out of seeing other people enjoy themselves—seems to keep them young in spirit, with a twinkle in their eyes!

And there are some others who resent the young folks going fishing; who feel that community games and dances are just a waste of time; or who criticize temperate people for enjoying a mellow glass of beer with friends.

They're often well-intentioned folks, too. But from where I sit, the minute we criticize our neighbors for enjoying wholesome pleasures—like a game of horseshoes, a glass of beer, or an afternoon's fishing—it's a sure sign we're growing old (in spirit anyway) no matter what our age is.

Joe Marsh

30 YEARS AGO

From Heppner Gazette Times Oct. 11, 1917
McCullough Bros. sold their stock ranch on upper Willow creek consisting of 5700 acres to Myles Martin and Irvin Kunsman of Moro.

This year's school enrollment shows 315 as against 273 a year ago, an increase of about 15 per cent.

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