EDITORIAL

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Who Lifts the Check For Operation "Snowfight"?

Now that the states between the Missouri and Rockies have dug themselves out from the packed snows of a three-months' blizzard, the vouchers for the job are pouring in, Railway Age comments editorially in the current issue, "Here, as in so many other places, there stands out the striking contrast between the way government treats the railroads and the way it treats rival methods of transportation. The railroads did their own snow-plowing, ice-blasting, and ditch-digging-with their own equipment and at their on expense-while opening up the highways for the trucks was done by government at the taxpayers' expense. The cost of the railroads' snowfighting will have to be reflected in their rates and fares-or in deficiences in net income. But the cost of clearing the roads for the trucks will not appear in the charges for truck transportation -instead it will be concealed in higher taxes which everybody will pay."

The railroads are not claiming credit for doing any greater things than other agencies in battling the blizzard. All agencies fighting the disaster did the job together, without counting the cost or reckoning who was going to pay it-which is just the way it should have been done. But now that the job has been done, the railroads know who will pick up the check as far as they are concerned. They will pay their own bills while the other agencies will be remunerated through state and federal appropriations. Nebraska, for instance, authorized at least \$500,000 for this purpose, and Wyoming, \$1 million, One rallroad operating in the area is unofficially reported to have spent \$3 million to \$3.5 million out-of-pocket in opening its lines in the area.

It just happens, without any reason or logic to explain it, that a tradition has grown up which piles all the costs of railroad service upon the rates which railroad patrons must pay, while it has become an accepted custom with other kinds of transportation to shift a large part of the costs to the taxpayers.

Railway Age in no way seeks to becloud the credit due any of the agencies which bore the brunt of this blizzard and alded the people and their livestock in stricken areas. The physical job was shared equitably and performed well by all concerned. But now that the bills must be paid it would not be amiss to call attention to the fact that, as far as transportation agencies go, railroad service would be much "cheaper" than It now is if part of the cost of rallroad service could be concealed in people's tax bills.

No Building Boom

Reference has been made on this page in times past relative to the fact that Heppner has never experienced what might be called a building has been in the throes of a boom. Consequently, parable high prices—it is safe to say that no proposed pipe line from the price controls, something he wrong to promise unsound measures there have been no slumps due to relaxation of other city administration has been saddled with towns that have grown rapidly only to find them- and council are struggling.

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selves ahead of development of their respective trade territories.

This is not to say that Heppner has not grown in recent years, for there has been a noticeable expansion in the town's population. Evidence of this is found in the crowded condition of the school. in the constant search for housing facilities, the increasing number of utility services and other factors. And in the meantime there has been no small amount of residence construction with more in progress and to start soon.

It was somewhat surprising to learn at the council meeting Monday evening that upwards of \$40,000 in building permits had been granted during February. That is not a big figure as building permits go, but it included three residence permits. It was hinted that at least one business structure may be built this year that has been hanging fire two or three seasons. It is also possible that an acceptable bid will be made on the hospital. All in all, building activity looms rather large on the horizon, but the prospects, if all should materialize, will still not add up to a boom, for they will be answering a need for housing rather than creating a need for tenants.

City Affairs In Good Shape

Figures submitted from a report made out by City Recorder Barger and City Treasurer Van Marter and quoted to the council and interested citizens Monday evening refuted some claims and statements heard of late that the city faces finan- FLY PAPER cial ruin. On the contrary, considering the problems with which the city is faced, the finances are in good condition.

One thing the statement conclusively proves is that the council has not exceeded the budget. On the other hand, expenditures to date have been kept well within the budget with approximately other flies having a good time forty pur cent of the year's funds left to cover on the paper. Blissfully unaware forty per cent of the year's funds left to cover the remaining one-third of the fiscal year. In view of the repairs to water system and streets made necessary by the unusual winter conditions, it is possible that the fiscal year will not come to a close with much of a balance and the budget committee will more than likely be confronted with the problem of providing increased funds for the next year

As to the salary paid the work superintendent, Mayor Lanham told his audience Monday evening muttons. The season at the big that the city feels justified in paying the amount Echo shearing plant will start in question-\$400 per month-inasmuch as the council feels that the superintendent has saved the cty hundreds of dollars in handling the street day last from a visit of ten days and water situation during the brief time he has ed all the time he was there and

There has been a clearing of the atmosphere so far as city affairs are concerned since more of the citzens have taken the time to attend council meetings. The city government is trying to do a good job and recognizes that since the mayor and councilmen are only human they are subject to Heppner last evening and help merely seeking votes under false making errors. But the council has not in the past ing to boost along the good roads pretense, he may make strenu or is it now spending money prodigally. And with program, boom. There have been spurts from time to time improvements and extensions to the water syswhen much needed building was done, but there tem, repair of streets and bridges, building of a of Burns & McDonald are expect-simply forgotten the promises. is nothing in the records to show that the town sewer system-all of this in a period of incomconstruction work, a condition affecting most the responsibility under which the present mayor

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tally destroyed by fire on Tuesday morning

is going soon to be adopted one of the best and biggest road programs ever dreamed of in this Will Put Heppner on the Bum. Heppner on the bum.

county. . . The unanimous ex- of the big wheat raisers of the pression of the meeting was in Flat and says he will donate The home of Orve Brown in Al. favor of bonding Morrow county \$5000 toward the road project. to the limit, which would raise and it might be a good idea, now to "appear fresh in the morning." be disappointed. by the county has run short of tally destroyed by fire on These. sessed valuation, or 2 per cent on road funds, to take him up. His all the time a fraction over \$14,000,00 of as little donation would help some If the sentiment manifested in matched by the state, dollar for be attended to when it gets dry an enthusiastic and unanimous dollar, then we will be in posi-manner by the large number of tion, also, to get as much more A feather will mire out of sight citizens gathered at the LOOF as the county and state put into almost anywhere across Heppner hall last evening to listen to Jas. the fund from the national funds. Flat at present, and if something S. Stewart, when the proposition available for post roads and for of bonding for roads was put to est roads. And all this money can better shape, Mr. Hendrix threatthem, is a criterian to go by, there be had during the next two or ens to run a branch line of rail-

road up Rhea creek and start a new town out there, thus putting

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By Dr. Alfred P. Haake

Editor's Note: Alfred P. Hanke, Ph.D., Mayor of Park Ridge, Illnois, is a noted Economist, Business Consultant, Lecturer and

A little fly smelled sweetlyscented paper bearing pictures of of any danger, the little fly light-

The box social given at the Farmers Union hall March 1st was a grand success. The program was very much appreciated, especially the song by Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Ball.

Echo News - Sheep shearing will start here next week. A crew commence work on the Cunha about April 30

Dan Stalter returned on Thursin Portland, where he says it rainhe was glad to be back east of of the sun once more.

O. Hill and Prof. Hough were thing has been won. members of the Lexington dele-

The engineers from the office ed to arrive in Heppner immedi ately to begin the survey of the promise to cure inflation, through

Some we know of are that way The politician can always sure.

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ot stuck! He succeeded in pulling his legs loose and tried to fly away, His wing tips were touch ed, but he got them clear and pulled his legs loose from each

aught the little fly a lesson. He should have remembered that great fly motto, "Once stuck, twice shy, little fly." But, no, a few minutes later he swooped down gracefully and landed, this time not on the edge, but in the very middle of the paper. Only a 1949 PROSPERITY stupid fly would have done that

an being who emulates the little fly, and lands in the middle of promises which he made with out thought as to how he would get loose from them afterwards? "Politicians' promises" is the

promises which are made with no idea on the part of the cromiser of keeping them afterwards. They are usually an appeal to cupidity or avarice, or and are not an honest statement of purpose. Or they may be a part the mountains and get a glimpse of a desperate effort to win some thing, with no thought as to whe W. G. Scott, W. F. Barnett, W. should be kept after the some-

works. This is according to word He might promise farmers out of received this week by City Attor- one side of his mouth that their ises that should not have been income will not go down, while at the same time, out of the other

ed on the edge of the paper, and

This narrow escape should have

And he paid for it with his life. What should we say of a hu-

term cynically applied sometimes her or not these promises can or

On the other hand, if the poligation attending the meeting in tician is honest at heart, was not ous efforts to perform what he promised, and in so doing he may do more harm than if he had

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THREE WEEKS MORE

Legislative operation is in high ith Senate President Walsh and Speaker of the House Van Dyke sitting on the throttle. If the present spastic cram keeps up it will take five weeks to finish the 480 bills now in the hopper. Applying the history of past performances of Oregon legislative sessions. nerves will get jumpy and session machinery will commence stripping its gears in about three weeks-for adjournment around

OREGON ECONOMICS SOUND

The unemployment record was done by its husky storms. Weekly benefits to unemployed

workers dropped slightly in 1948 as payrolls, considering season able employment, showed a stea dy increase, Heightened benefits of these post war years have made little impression on the state's benefit reserves which a new year-end high of \$84,639,655.

Last year was considered a poo year for farmers, however, Ore gon farm income rose from \$370, 847,000 in 1947 to \$400,026,000 in

"The 'best minds' do not believ the situation forecasts a reces sion, but 'best minds' for three

the world has been going a long time, has taken a lot of punish ment, and can stand some more without going to pieces at once and private enterprise, he may find that keeping his pre-election the road away from freedom and private enterprise-toward regimentation, loss of liberty, bureau cratic interference and bungling and Godless totalitarianism.

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comfort himself by reflecting that | May he see the light - and try

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Unemployment in Oregon was up for a post-war record during February. At the same time there were more people at work here than during any February since our labor statistics have been re-

due to unusual weather that made most outdoor work impos sble. February was not an on-the job month but made up for much of its work-stoppage loss by the jobs created in repairing damage

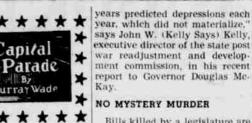
Wage payments in this state during 1948 were well over the billion dollar mark, up approxi mately 10 per cent from record breaking 1947 and nearly 20 per cent higher than any war

"Non-seasonal lavoffs in concerns which have caught up with their particular commodity and a reduction in agricultural employ

He seems not to worry ever though he should know that no nation has ever been able to ex-pose itself to a small measure of socialism without eventually cumbing to the ravages of that dreaded political disease, and go ing down to destruction.

mit, even to oneself, that it was made at all.

But, there have been men big Wm. Hendrix was in town Satur day and advocating the construction of a good macadam road across Heppner Flat, Wm. is one of the big wheat raisers of the Flat and says he will donate \$\$5000 toward the road project.



Bills killed by a legislature are among the most interesting as-pects of a session. This session is no exception. Some of the mea sures defeated may be on the ballot next election. The often advanced proposal that Oregon needs a lieutenant governor was endorsed at the annual young republicans convention soon after the November general election. Now democratic clubs adopting this plank. Young GOP's are hollering "Stop Thief!" Highly controversial bills that

got the legislative axe include a proposal to let cities and counties levy business and occupational taxes; a proposed constitutional amendment which would allow the legislature to prevent any tax bill from being referred to the people; repeal of the law prohibiting coloring of margarine; abolishment of present mill control; create an Oregon State School directors' association—opponents said they wanted n more school lobbies, and increase minimum auto insurance under the state responsibility act from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

STATE POLICE RECORDS

Arrests and convictions for drunken driving in Oregon were down about 20 per cent for the past month as compared with the same period two years ago, Liquor saies made a similar

drop since January 1, 1947. Average fines and jail senten ces in 4947 were \$125.73 and 14 days sentences. Last month fines averaged \$116 and 24-day sen tences, according to state police records

Arrest for not having motor venicle licenses totaled 805 with fines of \$1857 collected in the 30day period. For the same time in 1947 only 481 arrests were made for having no license. Nearly \$1000 in fines was collected for hauling without a permit.

INDIAN SCHOOL ENTERTAINS

Governor Douglas McKay, state officals and many members of the legislature attended the 100th anniversary of the federal de-

years predicted depressions each mawa Indian training school last year, which did not materialize." Friday. Colorful and impressive says John W. (Kelly Says) Kelly, tribal dances were presented in elaborate native costumes

A. P. Collins, regional forester, spoke on the history of the department and Superintendent R. M. Kelly told of the history and achievements of the school which was established in 1880 at its present location five miles north

Orrin McDaniel of Hardman was a business visitor in Heppner Saturday,





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