# EDITORIAL



In The Same Boat Finally

Secretary Snyder recently observed that any further increases in income taxes must fall with the greatest weight on people with small and moderate incomes. He pointed out that 58 per cent of all taxable income now goes to those who earn less than \$5,000 a year.

This should destroy, once and for all the old illusion that we can pay for the government by the simple expedient of soaking the rich. As the New York Times recently said in an editorial, "It may be an unpleasant fact, but it is a fact nevertheless, that, thanks to our reluctance to tax courageously in the past, we have now reached the point where the individual income tax is already far too steeply progressive . . . Political taxation, in short, has at last been stretched to its full limit; the time has come when, whether we like it or not, we must approach the problem on the economic level."

In the higher brackets, the income tax is now only one step short of confiscatory. Moreover, if the government taxed the incomes of the wealthy a flat 100 percent, the additional revenue gained would hardly make a dent in today's governmental budgets. The families with modest incomes must carry the load.

This should have one extremely salutary effect. Everybody-from the man who works with his hands to the executive who runs a big company-now has a direct and personal interest in taxation, and in governmental extravagance and waste. Everybody's pocketbook is involved. The whole public, out of a universal self-interest, now has a reason to demand, and get, economy in government.

#### The Freight Cars Are Rolling

BY LEVERETT G. RICHARDS

There's a changing panorama

The area is rich in relics of

Oregon's own gold rush, It is still the wild and wooly West where a dude can ride the range

with sure-enough cow pokes on a newly opened dude ranch, or hunt, fish and loaf if he likes.

This fascinating fastness has

been accessible only by a nine or ten-hour drive through the Columbia gorge via Arlington, until recently. It is only 5½ to 6 ½ hours from Portland over

the motorlog's new direct route. Paving of the last 20 miles over Ochoco mountain in June will

You hit th John Day river deep in a rocky canyon at the junction of highway 28 with highway 19. If you're heading on eastward to John Day, drive slowly and watch for Picture gorge, which starts at the junction. It isn't marked by any

speed it up still more.

CRAZY over horses?

U. S. Senator Carlson of Kansas recently paid high tribute to the railroad industry, the Association of American Railroads and the Interstate

Commerce Commission for the manner in which they have cleared up the boxcar shortage situa tion in the West. During the first 15 weeks of this year, he pointed out, loading of grain commodities exceeded the figure for any comparable period in history except in 1947.

The boxcar problem was the result of a number of factors, of which one of the most important was the outbreak of the Korean war and the sudden step-up in the rearmament program. It is not the kind of problem which can be solved over night. The railroads have met it in two ways First, they have placed orders for great numbers of new cars, and these are going into service as fast as they can be delivered by the car builders. Second, working with shippers, they are trying to get maximum utilizataion out of every car they have. Very marked success has been attained in this effort, and conditions are improving all the

In April alone, deliveries of new domestic frieght cars totaled 8,274, an increase of 18 per cent above the March figure and 41 per cent above February. As of May 1, undelivered cars on order totaled nearly 156,000. No one can visualize thousands of freight cars. But if you'll take a careful look at the next freight train that passes you, you'll see a few of the tangible products of this great expansion program New cars and old cars are rolling along the tracks together, and the freight is being moved-safely, efficiently, economically, swiftly,

#### Looks Like A Good Move

It is encouraging to see the city take steps to establish a fund for the construction of a sewer system and sewage disposal plant. The council is submitting a proposal to levy a ten-mill tax to supplement the proposed one dollar a month per water meter as a definite plan for financing the state. Mrs. Mary D. Cain, pubproject, or at least setting up the machinery for

retiring of bonds that may have to be issued to support the council's proposal. get actual construction underway.

The tax levy would not run in excess of ten years. So far as the water meter assessment is concerned, that is in the province of the council and could be discontinued or extended as neces-

sity demands. The levy must have the approval of

the taxpayers.

Words of encouragement have come from many citizens who feel that the question of installing a sewer system in Heppner has long since passed the question of necessity. The problem confronting the council and the townspeople is the matter of financing it. When the question of finances is posed, the citizens should take into consideration that the local town government is about the last political unit to receive consideration in the matter of taxes. The federal government grabs all the cream; the state comes in for the milk next to the layer of cream; the county has its levies for this, that and the other thing; the school districts get a liberal portion of the citizen's dollar, and finally the towns have to be contented with what in this instance might be termed just the bluejohn. So, when it comes to making civic improvements the town has to resort to special taxes to pull funds out of a populace that is already harassed with fixed levies that go for everything but civic improvement.

There seems no justifiable reason for seeking delay in the construction of a sewer system. It will have to come sooner or later and having in mind the trend towards higher labor costs, to say nothing of materials and engineering, it would seem the sensible thing to do would be to

The editorial tile is doffed to Miss Ingrid Hermann of Ione, choice of the committee for queen The Heppner Gazette, established of the 1951 Morrow County Fair and Rodeo. This attractive young lady, fresh from high school graduation and the winning of unusual laurels in her 4-H club work is eminently fitted for the honor Published every Thursday and that has been accorded her. Ingrid's motto has always been "That which is worth doing at all is worth doing well." Faithful adherence to that motto has paid rich dividends in strengthening of character, not to mention the financial success that has attended her 4-H club projects, all of which have left her unspoiled and filled with a desire to go on to greater achievement. The tile is also doffed to the committee for its selection.

"Some Americans, stricken with fear, are willing to barter freedom for some small measure of safety and survival."-David Lawrence, Mayor

"There are billions of dollars that can be cut from the non-military budget. And they should be. Why should the American taxpayer tighten his belt when the Government continues its merry spending spree?"-Oakland, Calif. Voice.

"Many Americans do not doubt this country's financial ability to maintain the nation in a garrison state for a number of years, or even to fight a full-guaged war, if necessary. What they are wondering about-with reason-is whether they can maintain the nation's tremendous army of bureaucrats."-Eldorado, Kan., Times.

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# The American Way

#### THE "MAN" FOR THE JOB By GEORGE PECK

sippi this year. For the first time are aided by that department. a woman tossed her hat into the lisher and editor of the Summit Sun, a weekly newspaper,, is the little lady who is flaunting Mis-

sissippi tradition. Mrs. Cain's platform is predicated on one idea and I quote her: "To restore to the people of at the record-Mary Cain's record. Mississippi their sovereign rights as citizens of their state and the U.S. Senator Bankhead introduc-United States." Space does not ed a bill, part of which proposed planks in the Cain platform, but here follow some that should be of absorbing interest to all

sound-thinking Americans: 1. Refuse any further Federal Grants-In-Aid.

2. Reduce taxes. Specifically, abolish state income tax, black market tax, admission tax, estate insidious scheme to PAY for our tax, chain store tax, slot machine patriotism. My paper is smalltax and malt tax.

3. Reduce cost of state government by consolidation, transfers poor-so poor that it depends aland eliminations of existing (106) most entirely upon the job work state bureaus and agencies to a I do to sustain it. . . I am a young total of 26.

4. Tax the cooperatives, (Mrs. Cain believes they would prefer But, I tell you frankly, even if to be taxed as a matter of fairness. They've never had an opportunity to pay).

6. Sound public health program but within the bounds of and publishes only what it deems state and county aid only. No federal funds.

7. Opposition to all New Deal socialism which includes subsidies for farmers, unemployment compensation, federal aid to education, socialized medicine and compulsory health insurance, arbitrary wage and hour regulations, public housing, the Brannan Plan, the Valley Authorities, federal aid for the aged and needy and social security, Especially opposed to the extension of social security to state, county, pleasure to vote for Mary Cain as district, school and municipal employees . . . .

9. Purge present Welfare Department rolls, repudiate further sippians to install as governor of federal aid and make sure that "Ole Miss."

History is a-making in Missis- only absolutely destitute people 11. Suitable laws to protect the ring for the governorship of that right of Labor to belong to a la bor union or not, as it sees fit.

That, my friends, is quite a platform. But, if elected, will the lady live up to it? Is it just another candidate making a lot of promises for the sole purpose of getting elected? Well, let's look In 1943, during World War II

enumerating all the to subsidize small-town weekly newspapers. Reaching for her typewriter, Mary Cain dashed off an editorial that was copied in thousands of newspapers across the nation. Part of that editorial follows:

"And now the press of the na tion is being approached with an so small that I wonder at my te merity in speaking thus. It is woman who could use a goodly sum such as this would net me. this bill passes, I shall not accept the money. . . . This is an independent newspaper. It accepts no pay for government advertising best for the needs of this town."

In large measure due to this editorial the Bankhead Bill was not enacted and the free voice of the rural press was saved. Again space does not permit recounting the many things Mary Cain has said and done to prove she is bitterly opposed to paternalistic government, even when it prom ises to feather her own nest.

Not being a citizen of Missis sippi, I have no vote there. I wish I were, as it would give me great often as the Mississippi law would permit. She strikes me as being just the "MAN" for Missis-

### CDO for all L Occasions MARY VAN'S FLOWER SHOP

Thirty years ago Oregon Caves,

now a national monument in

Southern Oregon, were called the Josephine Caves, named after the

county in which they are situated.

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will be completed in 1954, and is

Astoria is 25 years old this year

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# **30 Years Ago**

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sioner Pruyn took samples from the water in the city mains and forwarded them to the state board of health. The report shows the water is pure and contains

The 10 year old son of Lawrence Redding suffered the breaking of an arm Tuesday when he took a fall at the family home

the Grande hotel. She will visit on a tunnel. friends here for a few days before returning to her home in

one of the finest in the city.

J. E. Higley, recently with the relics before the waters backed

Postmaster Richardson forms us that beginning July 1 the delivery window at the post office will be closed on Sundays

The Smithsonian Institute will

# Born on Wednesday, June 15, to

On June 9 City Water Commis-

no injurious properties.

in Eight Mile.
Mrs. J. L. Wilkins came up

Northwestern National Bank of by the dam cover them.

Portland, has been elected to the position of assistant cashier of the Farmers & Stockgrowers National bank of this city. He has taken the place of C. M. Sims who recently resigned. D. A. Wilson, who has been bookkeeper for the bank for several months, has also resigned.

and holidays.

The Umpqua River route to Reedsport was originally surveyfrom Arlington Tuesday evening ed for a railroad and was later where she enjoyed a visit with abandoned, even though over a her father, E. C. Maddock at million dollars had been spent

investigate three former Indian Mayor Noble and his wife moved into their nice new home the Columbia river in Oregon this week. The new residence is now under construction. The Institute hopes to uncover Indian

Heppner, Oregon Dr. C. C. Dunham

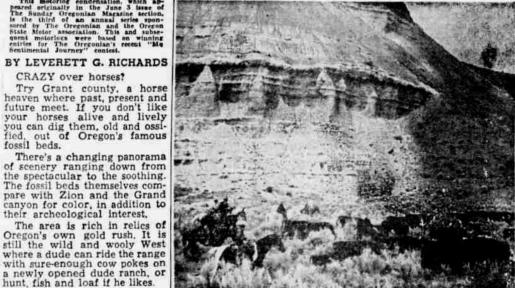
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roamed and turtles did what-ever turtles do.

Most of their bones have turned to stones while waiting for man to find them. But the beds in which they have snoozed away their Rip Van Winkle past are bedight in all the latest tion. It isn't marked by any sign.

But on the south side of the highway immediately adjacent to mile-post 125 you'll find the Indian pictographs that give the gorge its name—if you get out and look for them. The strange, prehistoric figures are painted in red ochre on an oil base at the foot of the rock cliff.

You'll want to see more of the John Day valley, but we first turned north on highway 19 to follow the John Day gorge to the fossil beds.

Following this busy little

Driving down the gorge along-side the racing John Day you side the racing John Day you will catch continual glimpses of other fossil beds in technicolor, along canyon walls capped by flows of lava. At milepost 119 a sign "Fossil Beds" directs you (not by name) to Turtle cove, called by scientists "the best and most extensive fossil collecting ground" in the region, which is considered one of the most important in the United States.

States.

It's more than that. It's a temple of natural beauty that rivals the Taj Mahal or the cathedral at Rheims for beauty of color and architecture.

Even more striking is the Cathedral formation that smites the eye as you round a sharp curve just before you hit milepost 116. This is one of eight state parks in the Grant county area, but is inaccessible at present and unmarked by signs.

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Here the canyon narrows to the point of claustrophobia, only to widen suddenly at about milepost 111 into a peaceful panorama straight from a storybook. It looks like a natural golf course with the rampaging John Day foaming and dashing in a urgent demand. But today's boom is just bubble-gum size compared to the excitement of the gold rush of 1862 that brought a reported 10,000 diggers to pitch their tents in Canyon City.

History of John Day and Canyon City is relived annually in its June '62 Days, while the county fair at John Day in September is one of the finest, with a parade rivaling the Pendleton Round-Up.

Rounding up dogies in shadows of John Day fossil beds. sabre-toothed tigers stalked the | wide curve through the middle ornery oreodon only a few score million years ago, where rhinos sporting nine-hole golf course.

Toamed and turtles did what-

It's also the 70-acre front yard of Art Waldorf and his Rodeo Canyon dude ranch, capable of accommodating 80 guests—the first answer so far supplied to the question of what to do when you get to central Oregon, besides digging fossils. Waldorf, his wife Rena; his son,

are bedight in all the latest shades of shocking pink, blue, green, mauve and lemon. The whole earth-long story is told in one bold, dramatic tale in Sheep rock, towering 3566 feet above the sea level, 1337 feet above the river at milpost 123.

There is a turnout and historical marker, but there are no name posts for this or other points of interest. To find them better clip out this article. They aren't marked on the maps, either.

Oregon, besides digging fossils. Waldorf, his wife Rena; his son, Jimmy; his pretty blond daughter, Betty, and her husband, Bill on their 36,000-acre spread in the heart of the fossil beds. They had no intention of duding. But the location, the spacious ranch houses, the easy Waldorf hospitality and the ranch-house cooking that always tastes like more proved an irresistible lure. Plenty of fossified oreodons—a hog that ate tastes like more proved an ir-resistible lure. Plenty of fossi-fied oreodons—a hog that ate like a cow—and whole herds of three and five-toed Echippus horses have been found on the

But they are a little old for riding, about 50,000,000 years too old. So we settled for a couple of 5-year-olds and joined the buckaroos who were bent on moving the main herd of 400 or so Black Angus cattle up the canyon wall to the open range on top.

After a good night's sleepon our stomachs—the motorlog headed back to highway 28 to-ward John Day and Canyon City, hub of the John Day country,

are booming now, what with lumber and livestock both in urgent demand. But today's