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A Link is Missing

A gentleman from Pilot Rock wrote the East Oregonian the other day complaining about the lack of new industries in the Hermiston-Umatilla area now that McNary dam is completed and operating. He also complained about a statement Admiral Rowe, manager of the port of Umatilla, made at the Heppner-Morrow county chamber of commerce banquet the other day, when he prophesied of the many industries and shipping improvements that would be forthcoming to this area when the John Day dam is completed. The gentleman said in effect, "The heck with the John Day dam, we've got McNary, let's get some industries."

The writer of that letter should remember that never will the full value of McNary be realized until the John Day dam is built and the entire length of the Columbia opened to slack-water navigation. A big lake connected with the ocean by a little puddle can't have ocean commerce until there is enough water in the "little puddle" to float ocean transportation. At the present time our little puddle is the area between the backwater of The Dalles dam and McNary. The sooner we have a John Day dam the sooner we will realize the value of McNary—and all the rest of the dams.

The gentleman shouldn't get too unhappy at the Admiral just yet, either. He has only been in his present job about six months. Rome wasn't built in a day, and neither will be Umatilla's industries.

We hope the Umatilla port commission has good luck in the years to come in attracting new industry for we like nothing better than to see an area grow. It might just happen too, that some of the industry Admiral Rowe is looking for might accidentally decide to settle across the line in Morrow county, for it is right handy there, you know.

Why Pick on Telephone Users?

A 5% sales tax levied against telephone bills rendered in Oregon would be a gross discrimination against one type of necessary service of the highest usefulness. A non-discriminatory general sales tax of one half of 1% would raise far more revenue and would be far more fair.

Surely there are non-necessities upon which a high-rate sales tax could be levied if any high-rate sales tax must be imposed.

Of all the excise taxes levied by the federal government, a Gallup Poll showed the tax on telephone bills was the most unpopular, both with women and with men. American Institute of Public Opinion showed the tax on Baby Oil and Baby Powder to be the most unpopular, even more unpopular with men than with women, rating 24 average with both. Next to that came the telephone tax, rating 22 average in unpopularity, with tax on jewelry rating 3 and tax on furs rating only 1.

There are some 400,000 subscribers and some 500,000 telephones in Oregon. The proposed tax would amount to 60 cents a month per average subscriber and 50 cents a month per average telephone. There would seem little or no excuse for singling out this necessity for a sales tax while ignoring all other necessities and all luxuries except cigarettes, which it is proposed to tax and which tax undoubtedly would be referred by petition.—Oregon Voter.

After reading some very recent comments coming out of our nation's capital, we have come to the conclusion that all the squirrels in Washington, D. C. aren't necessarily in the trees.

If something doesn't change pretty soon we're going to lose faith in the old proverb about the month of March, the lions and the lambs etc. March is pretty nearly over and so is the lambing season, but we sure haven't seen anything resembling a lamb in this month's weather.

From Files of the Gazette Times
March 26, 1925.
Mr. and Mrs. William Luttrell were visitors here on Tuesday and Wednesday from their home in Grass Valley. They were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Clark.

M. K. Long, Pendleton automobile dealer, was in this city on Monday, having with him a Star touring car which he uses as a demonstrator.

Attorney Will M. Peterson, E. B. Aldrich, editor of the East Oregonian, James Johns, Sr., and George C. Baer, secretary of the commercial association, were Pendleton men in this city on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Doolittle and children drove to Portland on Wednesday where they spent a few days visiting with friends.

Mrs. Archie Ball of Ione and Mrs. Dorothy Patterson of Heppner were the guests of Miss Annie Hynd of Butterby Flats on Wednesday.

Loren (Peck) Leathers spent the weekend at the home of his cousin, Neal Knighten in Hardman. Neal took him to his home in Lexington Monday evening. They were accompanied by Lewis Batty.

Thornton include:
A bill authorizing the transfer of prisoners from the penitentiary to a county, federal or other state penitentiary would be constitutional if enacted.

When submitting a levy exceeding the six per cent limitation of the Oregon Constitution to the people for approval, a taxing unit may submit a number of items to be voted upon separately.

A statutory reward for information leading to conviction of an offender is payable after conviction, but informer is not required to act as prosecutor.

The power of initiative and referendum is not available to a state representative district, but the legislature may under the constitution, submit an act to the electors of such district to determine whether it will take effect or not.

UP TO THE GOVERNOR
These bills have been passed by the Senate and the House during the past week and sent to the governor for his approval, his veto or to become law without his signature 3 days after the Legislature adjourns.

SB 308—Relative to the sale of personal property of estates authorizes a court to order the sale of personal property with or without notice. The new wording is "with or without notice."

SB 7—Increases salaries of teachers without degrees from \$2100 to \$3400, for a school year of nine months; those with bachelors degree from \$2400 to \$3,700 and those with masters degree to not less than \$4000.

SB 47—Revises entire structure of public employees' retirement system.

SB 123—Requires all trucks to have mechanical or electric devices which signal turning movements.

SB 181—on risk of loss after a contract for sale of property has been executed, this law provides that any loss (as fire) will be borne by the person in possession of the property unless contract provides otherwise.

SB 214—Permits Oregon State Fair to include the display of historical objects in its activities.

HB 443—Priority for employment under state civil service given to state workers who were laid off in good standing.

HB 290—Sets fine up to \$100 as uniform penalty for violations of seven plant, weed and pest control law.

HB 223—Makes private the case

GOOD IRRIGATION PRACTICES URGED TO MEET EXPECTED WATER SHORTAGE

Good Irrigation practices will counterbalance lower than normal water supplies now forecast for some areas of Oregon, says Marvin Shearer, Oregon State college irrigation specialist.

Excessive run-off is one of the major "water thieves" on Oregon's 1,200,000 acres under flood irrigation, according to the specialist. This loss of water is only a minor problem on sprinkler-irrigated soils that make up only one-tenth of the total irrigated acreage in the state.

Shearer says it is not uncommon to find as much as 60 per cent run-off of water applied to

fields and the percentage is often higher on some row crops. He lists three steps to eliminate much of this field loss:

1. Put water across a field rapidly—usually less than one-fourth of the total irrigation time—then reduce flow of water so that very little runs off the lower end. This supplies water at about the same rate that it moves into the soil.

2. Re-use runoff water. Low-lift pumps may be needed to move water from drain ditches into field ditches, but power costs for such pumps are as little as 40 to 85 cents to lift an acre foot of water 10 feet. It costs three to four times that much to buy extra water in some irrigation projects in Oregon.

3. Change water as soon as soil reaches field capacity or when soil is moistened through the root zone. Generally, application periods are too long. Ex-

cess water drains on through the soil and is lost, or it is held by the hardpan layers and floods the root zone.

Shearer lists "percolation" or seepage loss of water, especially on sandy soils, as the other main waste of Oregon irrigation water. Nowhere in the state does any crop actually use more than three acre feet of water a year, he states, "yet there are some counties with an average water delivery of double this amount. Individual deliveries of five times the required amount have been recorded."

Percolation losses can be reduced four ways, according to the specialist:

1. Irrigate with large heads of water for shorter periods of time. This will make possible uniform application with less seepage loss on sandy soil.

2. Probe the soil frequently to observe depth of water penetration and stop irrigating when the soil reaches field capacity.

3. Apply water with sprinkler

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Heppner High School SCOOP

By Barbara Prock

Baseball practice has started with Larry Downen as the coach.

"Here Comes The Brides" play cast was entertained with a buffet supper at the home of Barbara Warren before the play Friday evening. Afterwards a party was given by Mr. Holm, the play director.

Several students from out of town have been visiting Heppner High during their spring vacation.

Prominent Indian dancer, Joe Whitecloud, and family from the Tewa Tribe of Santa Clara Pueblo, New Mexico, gave an interpretation of American life in the national assembly Mar. 22.

Senior weekend has been scheduled for all high school seniors at the State Colleges April 22-23.

Junior and senior English classes have been having a riotous time with the students giving 3-5 minute speeches on any topic they wish.

histories of any state institution inmates.

HB 202—Leaves Illinois River fishing restrictions in Josephine County up to State Game Commission.

HB 148—Permits more than two circuit judges to sit temporarily at same time on State Supreme Court.

SB 330—Permits counties to lease land for exploration for gas, minerals or oil.

SB 331—Requires telephone as well as alarm system inside refrigerated locker plants.

HB 33—Makes landowners liable for origin as well as control of forest fires.

HB 98—Repeals penalties on regulation of horse meat imported into state.



WORKING SIX DAYS A WEEK

Fortnight caucus discussions on how best to accelerate the tempo of the current session of the Oregon Legislature was called for late Friday by Elmo E. Smith, president of the Senate and Edward A. Geary, speaker of the House. Each of the leaders told their members what they thought should be done. After several suggestions which were not adopted for lack of a second, the presiding officers at both caucuses suggested early meetings of committees be held commencing Saturday on the 69th day and regular sessions be held on each succeeding Satur-

day. If this plan continues the legislature will be on a six-day-a-week schedule.

So many members and sponsors of bills were absent Saturday that some bills were sent back to the committees to keep them from being killed on the floor.

LIQUOR HIT FOR TAX

Whiskey will go up before it goes down. Everyone knows an increase in price of State Liquor commission goods is due to help get the red ink figures in the budget but the amount of the price boost is not known. Speculators beware.

William H. Baillie, liquor administrator, says a price boost to raise eight million dollars, as proposed by the legislature, will result in a loss to the state of liquor profits and start a rush of bootlegging. He reckons a raise in price to profit three million dollars would be nearer the right amount to shoot for.

MCKAY HOME BRIEFLY

Secretary of the Interior Douglas McKay and Mrs. McKay flew to Salem Tuesday from San Francisco where he had made a public address Monday.

Hosts for a family dinner Wednesday were Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hadley, Salem, entertaining in honor of her parents the McKays.

WOULD LET MINORS SMOKE

Nobody showed up at a hearing on a bill to let minors smoke. The Bill introduced by Senator Stewart Hardie would repeal laws which make it illegal for youths under 18 to smoke, compel minors to tell where they got their tobacco, and force local officers to arrest minors who are smoking.

At the hearing James Lamb, superintendent of the state school for boys, said the laws against smoking, when enforced cause "mass resistance" at his institution. The superintendent of the state school for girls said the anti-smoking law is the most serious problem they have. An Episcopal clergyman said the present laws make youngsters lie, cheat and steal tobacco.

MOTOR ACCIDENT TOLL

Compilation finished Monday of all traffic accidents in Oregon during February shows 23 fatalities. Secretary of State Earl T. Newberry reports. This is less than half the 54 in February of last year.

Oregon's fatality count for the first two months of this year totals 50 compared with 67 for the first two months of 1954.

OPINION ON OREGON LAW

Legal opinions released recently by Attorney General Robert Y.

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