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OREGON'S TAX PROBLEM

WE are in receipt of a communication from a strong supporter of a state income tax, who declares that the proposal was defeated at the recent election largely because the state tax commission promised to formulate a state income tax, and urged the people to defer affirmative action until their own measure had been presented to them.

Now, according to this correspondent, the tax commission has broken faith with the people, by abandoning the idea of a state income tax entirely. He condemns such action as "unconscionable trickery" and declares the people will never again trust the actions of this commission and will continue the fight for a state income tax until the "battle is won."

Our correspondent is mistaken. The tax commission never pledged itself to formulate a state income tax, it merely pledged itself to secure what it believed to be the best solution of Oregon's tax problem.

The suggestion that the people vote against the state income tax measure at the recent election, for the reasons noted above, came not from the members of the commission, but from outside parties upon the assumption that it would be foolish to adopt such drastic legislation until the findings of this commission had been determined.

Our belief then, and now, is this: If this commission, in the intelligence and ability of which we have strong faith, should, after its exhaustive survey, decide a state income tax is desirable and necessary, then we would certainly get behind such a measure, in spite of our many years of opposition to it.

On the other hand, if the commission should find an income tax not necessary, and present a program of tax revision which it believed would properly equalize the tax burden in Oregon, then we would certainly support such a program.

We believe this should be the attitude of the people at large regardless of their former convictions concerning a state income tax.

For the final decision concerning such a complicated and intricate question as that of tax reform should be left to the members of this commission. They were appointed for this purpose, and they are competent to handle it.

Until the official findings of this commission are announced we believe agitation for or against a state income tax can serve no useful purpose.

There is certainly no justification for either approving or opposing the work of the commission until its labors are concluded and its program announced.

NO TIME TO TAKE CHANCES

ALTHOUGH the influenza epidemic in Jackson County has been comparatively light, and now appears to be definitely on a decline, there should be no let-up on the part of the people in exerting every effort toward not only eliminating the disease, but preventing its recurrence.

Medical treatment pronouncements and preventive programs are good as far as they go, but the chief responsibility rests, not with the health authorities, but with the individual.

For this disease is highly contagious. And while in generally a light form, there is no assurance that a light case in one individual will not be a virulent case if transmitted to someone else.

The only safe rule, therefore, is for every individual suffering from a cold of any form, to keep away from crowds and isolate himself as far as possible from close contact with others.

Fresh air, a simple diet, plenty of sleep, are not only the chief elements of successful treatment, but of successful prevention.

"If each before his own door swept the village would be clean." That old adage applies as well to promotion of civic health as civic cleanliness.

The problem is one of individual responsibility, and in the elimination of this epidemic every resident of this city and county, man or woman, has a definite duty to perform.

THE SLEEPING LEAGUE OF NATIONS

THE League of Nations, meeting in Geneva, announces it will combat the sleeping sickness in Africa.

In view of the League's record the past year, and its inability to check, in any way, those forces which threaten to bring about another war, this would appear to be a step in the right direction.

We would only suggest that the Secretariat of the League be instructed to place this number on the program under the heading of "Doctor, cure thyself!"

You can't tell a man's social caste, by the things he's in jail for.

Another explanation of Mussolini is that Nature intended him to be twins.

Personal Health Service

By WILLIAM BRADY, M. D.

Signed letters pertaining to personal health and hygiene, not to disease diagnosis or treatment, will be answered by Dr. Brady if a stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Letters should be brief and written in ink. Owing to the large number of letters received, only a few can be answered here. No reply can be made to queries not conforming to instructions. Address: Dr. William Brady, in care of this newspaper.

AN EPIDEMIC OF SEPTIC SORE THROAT

Streptococcus is the more or less familiar name of one of the most important and most versatile of all the microbial enemies civilized man has to contend with. Even the light is beginning to comprehend, I gather, that when this germ is found hanging around the premises something atrocious is likely to happen. And the villain seldom fails to measure up to reputation.



Weak Eyebrow Mutation.

Please tell me if there is any danger in tweezing the eyebrows, I mean pulling out most of them so as to leave only a thin line. I have been told that it weakens the eyes.—Miss F. H.

Answer.—No particular danger, though the normal eyebrows protect the eyes more or less from dust, dirt and excessive glare. Arthritis Better.

Last year you said that a drop of iodine, a six-mile walk and less time at the table would help arthritis to go. Well, I have followed all three suggestions. I have lost 40 pounds in the year. I am better, much better. Could you suggest anything else?—Mrs. A. R. O.

Answer.—Continue the treatment another year.

Mental Acidity. I am wondering if you will send me any material you have on how to cure or prevent acidosis. Are certain foods responsible for this condition of the stomach?—R. G.

Answer.—This is a personal health service. I have no "material" about any morbid subject. Your question suggests that you have already been misled by some such "material." Acidosis is not a condition of the stomach and it has practically no relation to diet—except in the bait of the faker who would exploit popular credulity about such things.

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Abe Martin



I'll bet it's sixty-eight year-old grandmaw that insisted on being wheeled 't' the polls 't' vote is a pleasant little party 't' have around. There's lots 't' difference in 't' newly rich. An Indian girl came int' a couple 't' million dollars said that all she wanted wuz a sewing machine an' a case 't' pop strawberries preferred.

Brisbane's Today

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game. When in doubt, prosperous human beings, male and female, always seem to "kill big game."

If you heard that a young lion, inheriting money, immediately decided to kill big men, we would say, "Queer lion."

However, it is a providential atavistic impulse, dating far back. The right kind of man wanted to kill big animals because big animals menaced the existence of the human race a

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

No Cold Serum.

Would you advise anyone to take cold serum for the prevention of colds during the winter months? Would you advise giving the serum also to a two-year-old baby?—Mrs. B. M.

Answer.—No, there is no such serum available. Nor do I recommend the use of bacterins (hypodermic injections of so-called bacterial "vaccines") for the purpose of immunizing people against

Rippling Rhymes

By Walt Mason, THE SUPERMAN.

I'm glad I'm not a superman who does tremendous, startling things, the hero of the movie fan, the gent of whom the poet sings. For, having set a standard high, the superman must never fall or men will hoot at him as he goes by and say he ought to be in jail. The superman does something great, and he's applauded everywhere; we glory in his high estate, and place sweet garlands on his hair. All eyes are fixed upon him then, at every hour his fame's at stake; he doesn't dare, like other men, to pull a bone or bad break. We common skates may blunder on, a lot of misfits, awkward, dumb, begin our blundering at dawn, and keep it up till night is come; and none will pause to criticize, to sprain, with hoots, the bronchial tubes; we do not pose as heroes, garden boobies. The superman has no such luck; once having made a record flip, he does not dare to run amuck, unless he would take in his sign. While he can hold his splendid pose a million friends will smile and cheer, but when he slips a million foes will promptly with harpoons appear. It's strange how people like to stend the man they lately did adore, how yesterday's applauding friend today is clamoring for gore. I've seen a hundred heroes slide from heights where they performed a while, and when they fell they were denied a sympathetic tear or smile. I'm always sorry for the gent who trolies in the limelight's glare, for I would stake a bright red cent that some day he will know despair. The crowds are fickle as the wind, they like some fellow to exalt, then like to see him clobbered or timed, and his fair garden sown to salt.

MARKET FEELS BEAR INFLUENCE AS RALLY LOSES MOMENTUM

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—(AP) Reactionary price tendencies again cropped out in today's stock market as the rally, which had been under way since Monday, appears to have run its course.

Packard Motors shot up to 162, a new high record, in the late dealings. With the rally in Packard and the copper group the decline in the general list was checked. Anaconda rose 5 points. Other issues registered recoveries from 1 to 7 points, with Wright Aero making the extreme figure. Some fresh selling occurred although call money was shaded to 7 1/2 per cent. The closing was irregular. Sales approximated 4,000,000 shares.

ALASKAN STEAMER ASKS ASSISTANCE

SEATTLE, Dec. 12.—(AP) Distress calls from the famous mail and passenger steamer Starr, carrying eleven passengers from Seward to Westward, Alaska, were intercepted by radio stations here today.

The Starr, which is the only vessel operated on a regular route in western Alaska during winter months, wireless that she had twisted her propeller shaft and asked the coast guard cutter Unalakleet at Juneau to proceed at once to her assistance.

The distress message sent by Captain A. O. Johnson of the Starr, follows: "Please send help. Passengers off. Eleven on board. Ready to be landed if necessary. In bad shape. Anchored in 12 fathoms of water off southwest point of Pearl Islands. Can't go anywhere."

Quill Points

If only 62 per cent of the people have electric lights, that means 38 per cent still have faith in meters.

If all parties to a conspiracy are equally guilty, and two are required to violate the dry law, why is the seller alone punished?

Things even up. Submarines brought several new words to the language, but they made "chivalry" obsolete.

If the hazers kill a student, that is a regrettable accident. If he kills one of them, that's manslaughter.

Usually you can tell, just by looking at a man, that other boys stole his lunch when he was a kid in school.

Mr. Hoover let his biggest fish get away. Something like that usually happens when a cabinet is formed, too.

The next hard job of producers is to make speech dumb enough to match pictures made for the simple.

Life is tragedy, and the cheer leader who expects to keep on awaying the multitude turns out to be a street car motorman.

Americanism: Feeling superior to all aliens; visiting Europe and wondering at the gall of the natives who think you an inferior alien.

That mythical Greek who gained new strength each time he was crushed to earth must have been something like the last fly.

The Christian peoples are the ones that know the more scientific ways of killing one another.

A thrifty man has no chance. Just when we learned to send

post cards instead of Christmas gifts, they began to make 35-cent cards.

One reason why things are gummed up is because the law's teeth come out at night.

Maybe there's something in this apple-day theory. You never saw a sick worm in an apple.

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Correct this sentence: "I am merely an instrument of the law," said the judge, "and my own prejudices do not affect my decisions."

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NORTHCOTT SEEKS CONFERENCE WITH MOTHER IN PRISON

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 12.—(AP)—Wary of the promises of Gordon Stewart Northcott, Los Angeles officers turned a deaf ear this morning to the youth's proposal that he would "teat a lot of things" if they would arrange a secret meeting with his mother.

"Give me just a few minutes alone with my mother and I'll tell you a lot of things you've been wanting to know," Northcott greeted officers as they appeared before his cell. As the accused slayer of four boys so often before had maintained stubborn silence to officers' questions, now police merely stared at their prisoner.

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GROCERIA INSTALLS FIRE EXTINGUISHERS

Taking to heart a few of the recent fire prevention programs held by local service clubs in the city, the Gates and Lydard Groceries had their place of business on Central avenue completely installed this morning with a complete system of fire extinguishers, by A. E. Fennell, local representative of the Fry Fryer company of Dayton, O.

The system, as peculiarly adapted to the Groceria building, is composed of four two and one-half gallon soda acid containers and one two and one-half gallon container, which will cover the oil storage, handled by the Gates and Lydard store.

FIND BODY OF INDIAN SLAIN ON RESERVATION

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 12.—(AP)—The body of Bidwell Riddle, Klamath Indian, was found late yesterday in a dry irrigation ditch on the reservation. Burton Baker, Indian, had confessed that he had killed on the head with an automobile hammer, after Riddle attacked him with a knife in a quarrel over liquor on Thanksgiving eve.

According to Baker's story the dispute arose as Riddle was riding home from a party with Mr. and Mrs. Baker.

The body was found by Riddle's sister.

Oregon Weather. Oregon: Rain west, local snows and rains east portion tonight and tomorrow; cooler west portion tonight. Strong south winds, shifting to northwest; gales on the coast.

Note: Southeast storm warnings are displayed on the California coast from Santa Barbara northward and southwest on the Washington-Oregon coast.

Condolence—Harley Spruells erecting modern warehouse here.

Grandmother Knew

there was nothing so good for congestion and colds as mustard. But the old-fashioned mustard plaster burned and blistered.

Musterole gives the relief and help that mustard plasters gave, without the plaster and without the blister. Gently rub it in. See how quickly the pain disappears.

Try Musterole for sore throat, bronchitis, tonsillitis, croup, stiff neck, asthma, neuralgia, headache, congestion, pleurisy, rheumatism, lumbago, pains and aches of the back or joints, sprains, sore muscles, bruises, chilblains, frosted feet, colic of the chest (it may prevent pneumonia).

Jars & Tubes

MUSTEROLE

WILL NOT BLISTER

Better than a mustard plaster

By BUD FISHER

MUTT AND JEFF—Yes, Nearly Everybody's in the Stock Market



JEFF, NOW THAT WE'RE CARRYING 100 SHARES OF "DOG BISCUIT TASTIES" AND TWO HUNDRED SHARES OF INTERNATIONAL CAT-NIP ON MARGIN, WE'LL DROP IN THE RITZ AND MAKE THE WAITERS THINK WE'RE MORGAN AND DURANT.

BY THE WAY, WAITER, I SUPPOSE YOU'RE DABBLING IN THE STOCK MARKET? ALMOST EVERYBODY IS, AHEM!

YES, I'M IN THE MARKET. I'M STILL CARRYING 200 SHARES OF RADIO THAT COST ME TWENTY DOLLARS A SHARE. IT'S OVER \$300 NOW.

ON MR. DURANT'S ADVICE I BOUGHT 400 SHARES OF AMERICAN CAN WHEN IT WAS SIXTY. IT'S SELLING AT ALMOST DOUBLE THAT NOW. MR. CHARLIE SCHWAB TIPPED ME OFF ON BETHLEHEM STEEL WHEN IT WAS FIFTY. I BOUGHT 500 SHARES. IT'S CLIMBING!

OF COURSE YOU GENTLEMEN ARE IN THE MARKET! NEARLY EVERYBODY IS.



Ye Smudge Pot

By Arthur Perry

A Medford student at the University of Oregon, is said to be the initiator of a campaign upon the campus steps should be taken at once to see that this young man gets his just dues when he comes home.

The controversy over just what were the issues in the last campaign continue to smolder. The intention of the various articles are a feeble attempt to prove that intolerance had nothing to do with the result. The public is asked to believe that Texas went Republican for the first time in history, through admiration of Herbert Hoover's ability as a disaster doctor, and not because of hatred for Jim Smith's religion. Anybody who has ever witnessed a Klan-razed Texas in action, will be hard to convince.

Alcohol is being poured into auto radiators and auto drivers, in practically the same proportion.

Full page advertisements are appearing in the Portland papers, and they about the glories of Oregon, and urge people to come to Oregon. The circulation of the papers concerned is chiefly among people who are already in Oregon, so the value of the advertisements is beyond comprehension. Oregonians are urged to tear out the ads and mail them to friends in the East and Middle West. They will do this like they do their Christmas shopping early, and purchase their auto licenses before January 1. There is some talk of advertising the local pears. Let all eat a pear upon a given date for a friend in the East or Middle West.

There is one nice thing about the alleged "King of the Oregon boot-leggers." A native-born American can pronounce his name without a vocal struggle.

Miserable weather has been the order of the day, and it is showing a tendency to get more so. It should be given a good community evening, such as was administered the torridity last August.

Photos of pioneer football teams show many of the players reclining. Some look like they were never going to get up, and others have assumed the posture of the favorite harem beauty of the sultan. All are looking into the future bravely, and the 1896 picture reveals that Atty. T. Miles had already started to run out of hair.

Governor Ike Patterson has made an excellent executive, tended to the tasks in hand, made the minimum of speeches, and looks and acts like a governor. He will probably be a candidate for reelection at the election 18 months away. Nine aspirants for the job have bobbed up already, including the Mayor of Portland. It is reported that Governor Patterson's attitude on seeking a second term will depend on what the next session of the legislature does—if anything.

Womenfolk are busy comparing notes on how and where the flu hit them.

It is sincerely hoped that some Oregon newspaper will show some journalistic gumption between now and Christmas, and re-print the historic New York Sun piece entitled: "Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus."

People who think Peoria Bill Gates has a robust ruffaw, are reminded that his sneeze is no gentle whisper among the apple blossoms.

A biting wind chewed the floor of the valley late yesterday.

Pound cake is being served by the tooth and jaw gymnasts in ton lots.

Dry enforcement agents are after unholly and illicit mince-meat, with brandy as the vital spark. The time to get the brandy is when it is in a truck, on route from Canada.

The story from Boise, Idaho about the young man who fell in the fireplace and severely burned himself, was only half told. It might be that the father of the girl threw him into the flames because he balked at packing in his own fuel.

14 girls watched a homely girl wind-up a 4d 70cc. on the Main floor.