

STATE PREPARES FOR COLLECTION OF TAX ON SALES

Machinery Will Be Set Up Ready Should Efforts of Foes Prove Unavailing — Vote Probably May 18

SALEM, Ore.—(UP)—The state tax commission today prepared machinery for putting the highly controversial sales tax into operation, should it finally become effective.

Receipts from the tax, 1 1/2 per cent on all retail sales of tangible property and utilities services, will go to aid Oregon schools. A vote on the proposal is probable May 18, as preliminary referendum petitions were filed against it by the Oregon state league, federation of labor and 12 other organizations.

Falls on Consumer The tax is to be borne exclusively by the consumer, in order not to create inequalities among retailers. A merchant violates the law if he advertises that he absorbs the tax, or if he refunds it to his customers. Retailers are to pay the tax each month, on or before the 10th, to the tax commission. If the seller chooses he may make cash and credit sales reports separately and be granted an extension of time for payment on the credit sales.

Professors Untaxed Professional persons, such as physicians, lawyers, bankers, are not taxed on their services. Utility services include services sold by telephone, telephone, heat, light, power, water, gas and electric companies for consumption or use and not for resale.

Exempt from taxes are products when sold by farmers for resale; goods sold for resale by manufacturers, wholesalers, jobbers and others. All gross receipts of less than \$50 monthly; gasoline, already heavily taxed; goods or utilities services used on public works projects; occasional sales of personal property by persons not in the regular retail business.

Remittance Monthly Administrative expenses are to be paid from the sales tax receipts, the remainder turned in to the state treasury as a common school fund. Twenty-five per cent will be remitted the first of each month to the state for county school funds, apportionment to be on a basis of assessed valuations.

Seventy-five per cent will be apportioned to the counties on a basis of classroom units. Elementary classroom units consist of an average of 27 pupils; high school units of 21 pupils. No district shall be entitled to classroom units in excess of the number of teachers employed. The county treasurer will apportion the funds to the districts. A 2 per cent sales tax was defeated by a 4-to-1 vote at a special election last July.

SECOND OLDEST BIBLE IN WORLD PURCHASED BY BRITISH MUSEUM

LONDON, Dec. 22.—(UP)—The British Museum is buying the second oldest Bible in the world from the Soviet government, Prime Minister J. Ramsay MacDonald announced in the House of Commons.

He said that the Bible, known as the "Codex Sinaiticus," formerly was the property of the late Czar Nicholas. The price is 100,000 pounds sterling (about \$500,000). The government will provide one pound for every pound raised by the public.

The "Codex Sinaiticus" and the "Codex Vaticanus" both date from the fourth century. The latter now is in Rome. The London Daily Express reveals that the "Codex Sinaiticus," containing the complete text of the new testament and much of the old testament, was compiled by four men in the fourth century, A. D. This bible was found 1500 years later, when a scholar discovered a few old sheets among rubbish in a monastery at Mount Sinai. The volume shortly thereafter was presented to the former czar of Russia.

AVERAGE MOTOR TAX TOTALS \$44

WASHINGTON.—(UP)—The average motorist paid a total of \$44.24 in assorted special state and federal taxes during 1933, as compared with \$39.74 in 1932, according to figures compiled by the American Automobile association. The total motor tax bill in the United States reached a new high last year, \$1,052,628,078, the AAA points out, despite a decline of 1-677,224 in the number of motor vehicles registered. Based on a valuation for all registered motor vehicles of \$4,543,707,471, this tax figure means that motorists paid 23 per cent of the value of their property in taxes. "The total tax bill consisted of \$673,152,919 in state registration and license fees, gasoline and property taxes," said Thomas P. Henry, AAA president, "and \$379,475,159 in special federal motor excise levies." The highest average in any one state was \$51.05 in Nevada. Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee all had average taxes per vehicle in excess of \$50.

GET CORDIAL GREETING IN MOSCOW



In a ceremony accompanied by more than ordinary cordiality, William C. Bullitt presented his ambassadorial credentials to officials in Moscow, thereby breaking 16 years of official isolation between the United States and Soviet Russia. Mr. Bullitt is pictured with his daughter Anne when they arrived at Plymouth, England. Anne will be the "first lady" at the American embassy in the Russian capital. (Associated Press Photo)

W. C. T. U. SURVEYS SAD RESULTS OF FIRST WET DAYS

EVANSTON, Ill., Dec. 22.—(AP)—National headquarters of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union today said the repeal of prohibition had for the first time in 14 years made approximately 56 million American citizens and nearly 18 million young people the legal target of high pressure liquor salesmanship.

Other results of the first fortnight of liquor's legal return, the statement said, were: "In thousands of American homes there is suffering today from the direct results of the return of legalized liquor. "Thousands of young people in these opening days of ratified repeal have taken the first serious step toward dissipation amid the flashing lure of the modernized barroom appeal.

"Thousands of men and women have returned to their business with judgment impaired, efficiency diminished, liability to accidents intensified, pockets depleted and nothing to show for it except a bad taste in the mouth and a memory of seared ideals. "Millions of dollars have already since repeal been diverted from legitimate business and from the immediate tragic needs of charity and relief, to the till of the liquor seller and the cash drawer of brewer and distiller."

FARMER SOLON HEARS SENTENCE NEXT WEEK

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 22.—(AP)—Sentence will be passed Friday, Dec. 29, on Donald J. Ryan, state representative from Clackamas county, and former county clerk, convicted several weeks ago of misuse of funds placed in his care as trustee. An order for sentencing was filed yesterday by the court. Ryan's motion for a new trial will be heard following passing of sentence. His attorney has cited 21 alleged errors in law during the trial and irregularities of court procedure.

SATURDAY HOLIDAY FOR GOVERNMENT WORKERS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—President Roosevelt today extended the full Saturday holiday before Christmas and New Year's to all government workmen, including those outside Washington. Exception was made where continuous service of certain government agencies is necessary.

Dance at the Rogue Elk Saturday night, December 23. Autographed photos of Jack Dempsey at the Shangai Studio, only 50c.

SCRAMBLE COMING FOR LEAD ROLE IN REPUBLICAN PARTY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Politicians trying to look behind the scenes in the Republican conference here today predicted a scramble for leadership of that party, especially since some friends of former President Hoover have said they feel "he will be the available" in 1936.

No concrete developments are expected for some months, however. Word has been passed out of Republican gatherings that Hoover would not be considered among the available three years hence, but there has been no evidence Hoover himself has given the word nor that it is to be considered of consequential significance.

The Hoover angle developed after yesterday's conference attended by Senator McNary of Oregon, senate Republican leader; Ogden Mills, former secretary of the treasury; Walter E. Edge, former New Jersey senator and ambassador to France; Senators Reed of Pennsylvania and Walcott of Connecticut; and Frederic M. Sackitt, former Kentucky senator and ambassador to Berlin.

The conference had to do with rehabilitation of the party and a possible legislative program for the coming congress, but nothing definite came out except predictions there would be no change in the national committee chairmanship, now held by Everett Sanders for at least a year.

LIQUOR REVENUE ACT WILL BRING \$700,000 A YEAR

SALEM, Ore.—(UP)—Designed as a companion act to the Knox liquor control bill, the Oregon liquor revenue measure passed by the recent legislature is expected to net the state \$700,000 a year in taxes.

The measure places a tax on all alcoholic beverages, meaning wine or similar fermented vinous liquor and fruit juice, or other fermented beverage containing more than one-half of one per cent alcohol and not more than 14 per cent. "Beer of less than 4 per cent alcohol is taxed 62 cents a barrel, or two cents a gallon, by the act. Beer of higher content pays \$1 a barrel. Malt syrup, except when used for baking or medicinal purposes, is taxed 10 cents per three-pound container, and all forms of wine below 14 per cent alcohol, 25 cents per gallon.

Collection of taxes, paid by manufacturers and importers, is placed under the Oregon liquor commission. Each manufacturer or importer must make monthly reports, detailing his sales during the previous month. Violations draw penalties ranging up to \$1,000 fine or one year in jail. Oregon manufacturers of wine and beer are not required to pay taxes to the state on beverages exported to other states or to foreign countries. Funds raised will be handled same as receipts from dealings of the commission in hard liquors. After \$3,000,000 is paid for unemployment relief, 25 per cent will go to the state general fund, 75 per cent to the counties to be used for mothers' pensions, old age pensions, indigent relief.

BEAUTICIANS SEEN AT CRESCENT, ORE.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 21.—(AP)—Audra Mardelle and Doris Sparks, young Hollywood beauty culturists who disappeared November 11, were seen at Crescent, Ore., Sheriff G. G. Miles was advised today. The girls left here in their automobile intending to go to Klamath Falls, Ore. They never reached that city, and highway officers and others in Washington, Oregon and California have been searching for them. A truck driver reported to Oregon authorities the girls followed his truck as far as Arlington, Ore.

WILL WITHDRAW ROAD PROJECTS

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 21.—(AP)—All Oregon road projects embraced in the proposed federal loan of \$25,000,000 now pending before the public works administration will be withdrawn.

This proposed loan has no bearing on the independent loan being arranged for financing construction of the five Oregon Coast highway bridges. The announcement was made by Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the state highway commission, who last night conferred by telephone with Governor Meier, vacationing in San Francisco. The action was in line with refusal of the legislature to pass an act guaranteeing highway revenues to repay the loan, and in accord with the fixed policy of the commission to incur no additional highway debt.

KMED Broadcast Schedule

- Saturday, 8:00—Breakfast News, Mail Tribune. 8:05—Musical Clock. 8:15—Peerless Parade. 8:30—Shopping Guide. 9:00—Friendship Circle Hour. 9:30—Morning Melody. 9:45—Weather Forecast. 10:15—Schubert's Love Songs. 10:30—Radio Christmas Show. 10:35—Hollywood Impressions. 10:40—Radio Christmas Show. 11:00—Granta Pass Hour. 11:15—The Song Parade. 11:45—Tone Pictures. 12:00—Mid-day Revue. 12:10—Chamber of Commerce News. 12:15—Eather Merritt Sanderzon. 12:30—News Flashes, Mail Tribune. 12:30—Musical Melody. 1:00—Varieties. 1:30—Whipple's Children's Orchestra. 2:00—Classified Edition of Air. 3:00—Radio Christmas Show. 3:30—KMED Program Review. 3:35—Songs for Everyday. 4:00—Musical Cocktail. 4:30—Masterworks Program. 5:00—Cecil and Sally. 5:15—Hilo Serenades. 5:30—Popular Parade. 5:45—News Digest, Mail Tribune. 6:00—Medford Theater Guide. 6:15—Dinner-Dance Program. 6:45—Holly-Time. 7:00—Anson Weeks' Orchestra. 7:15—The Arkansas Kid. 7:30—8:00—Eventide.

HEAVY SPENDING FOR WATERWAYS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(AP)—Secretary Dern, in a summary of army engineer corps work under the public works program, said today its waterways development would involve the expenditures of \$314,000,000 and provide employment for 314,000 men for one year.

To date, he said, \$141,200,000 has been obligated and 44,097 men have been placed at work. Pointing out that river and harbor improvements and flood control on the Mississippi and Sacramento rivers have been allotted \$220,123,808, he said that within a week after receiving the first allotment of \$7,000,000, approximately 3,000 men had been put to work.

Phoenix Church Christmas Party

2:30 Tomorrow On Saturday afternoon at 2:30, at the Phoenix Presbyterian church, there will be a Christmas party for the boys and girls of the cradle roll, primary and junior departments.

Santa Claus has been invited to be present at this party. The Christmas worship service of the Phoenix Presbyterian church will be at 11 o'clock Sunday morning. At the opening worship hour of the church school at 10 o'clock, Mrs. Ralph Peterson will tell Tolstoy's Christmas story, "Where Love Is, God Is Also."

A vesper service of the Christian Endeavor societies will be led by Miss Marjorie Poling of the high school C. E. society, at 4 o'clock. Representatives from the four societies will have a part in this vesper service. The public is invited. There will be no evening church service.

LINDBERGH'S PRESENT AIRPLANE TO MUSEUM

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The American museum of natural history announced today that Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh had presented to the museum the monoplane in which they completed a 29,000-mile aerial survey Tuesday.

MARION TAX LEVY SET FOR TEST OF OLD AGE PENSION

SALEM, Dec. 22.—(AP)—The Marion county court has levied a \$60,000 tax to cover old-age pensions for 1934. The announcement was made today, immediately following dismissal in circuit court here of mandamus proceedings to enforce a levy to cover the pensions.

The mandamus action was brought by Hugh Smith, 77, against the Marion county court. Judge L. H. McMahan declared mandamus was not the correct form of procedure. Under the levy of a tax any taxpayer, he stated, may bring injunction proceedings against the county court and have all the legal questions involved ironed out.

Mandamus action in the case dismissed should be whether or not the county court will issue a pension to the plaintiff, Judge McMahan said. County court members estimated \$150,000 would be required to provide maximum pensions to all eligible in the county. However, they wished to levy only \$60,000 to make a test of pension administration for a year. The levy will provide a \$5 pension for every eligible man and woman, court members estimated.

'TELEPHONE FIZZ' IS NEW ORLEANS TREAT

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