

PROSPERITY SIGN IN TAX PAYMENTS WESTERN STATES

Thirty Million More Paid Government During 1935 Than In 1934—Oregon Share Is \$8,204,575

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Taxpayers in the 11 far western states poured \$30,000,000 more into the treasury tills during 1935 than they did in 1934.

An internal revenue report disclosed today the increase came chiefly in income tax collections from corporations and individuals. Of the \$30,284,855 increase in collections from all sources, \$25,776,862 was in the income tax division.

Total collections from the 11 states, comprised of income, and AAA processing taxes and miscellaneous receipts, were \$256,093,017 in 1935, compared with \$229,844,958 in 1934.

In 1935 the states paid \$102,119,755 in income taxes, while in 1934 they paid \$76,940,909. Corporations paid \$51,851,521 in income taxes last year, and individuals paid \$50,268,231.

California was the banner state in the increase column. Approximately \$20,000,000 of the entire \$30,000,000 increase in the western states was credited to the state where individual income collections increased \$10,000,000 and miscellaneous revenue approximately \$5,000,000.

Nevada was the only state showing a decrease in the total payments to the federal government.

Individual income taxes increased \$125,000 in that state, there was a general decrease in total payments of \$750,000.

All other states showed substantial increases in nearly every division. The statement included:

Oregon: Income taxes: Corporations, \$969,912; individuals, \$1,067,278; total, \$2,037,190. Miscellaneous: \$2,435,284. Total, \$4,472,474. Processing: \$3,556,419. \$8,204,575. Total all sources: \$7,825,450, \$8,204,575.

TRUCKS NEEDED FOR WPA WORK

A call for trucks to be used on WPA projects in Jackson county was issued by headquarters here today. It was emphasized however, that no drivers are needed. Owners seeking to lease their machines to WPA, therefore, must be prepared to turn over the trucks for operation by men now employed.

Dump or flat bed trucks of 1 1/2 tons capacity or more are needed here and while they can be obtained in other parts of the state the local WPA office is making an effort to get them in this county if possible.

LIQUOR STORE CLOSED FRIDAY, ELECTION DAY

The state liquor store in this city will be closed all day Friday, election day according to John Peter, manager of the store.

The store will remain open until 11 o'clock Thursday evening of this week, Mr. Peter announced.

Evangelist Sees Divine Influence In Transformation

"The sudden transformation in some lives can only be explained on a divine basis," said Engineer-Evangelist Lewis last night at the Free Methodist church, in relating the history of his life.

From that age to 27, he lived the average loafer's life, climbing to higher honors until one night, influenced by his mother's prayers, he rose from his chair in the home, called off the dog and got the next day off, turned to his brother and said, "I am going to get religion."

From then on his course led him into the ministry and 20 years in the evangelistic field, crossing the country back and forth several times and into Canada.

The subject announced for tonight is "Up in the Stratosphere and Above."

Speaking of ODD JOBS-



Three dollars a day is more than grown men get for juggling government spades or doing more back-breaking work.

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FOUR CREMATED WHEN FARM HOME IS BURNED

NORMAN, Okla., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Four persons were burned to death today when their two-story farm home near here was destroyed by fire.

The victims: Ed Meltsbarger, 30, Cleveland county farmer; Mrs. Meltsbarger, 26; Charles Meltsbarger, 2; Barbara Meltsbarger, six months.

Two children, 6 and 4 years old, were saved when they ran from the house in their night clothes.

PUPILS SPARED WHEN OLD BOILER BURSTS

SALEM, Jan. 29.—(AP)—Eighty pupils narrowly escaped serious injury when the parochial school at Sunnyside east of here was damaged by the explosion of a 40-year-old boiler.

Parts of the boiler were hurled for more than 50 feet, damaging and destroying woodwork and equipment in the basement. The pupils had been in the basement a few minutes before the explosion.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL UNITED ON CIVIL SERVICE

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Meteorological Report

January 29 1936. Forecasts. Medford and vicinity: Fair tonight and Thursday; continued cold. Oregon: Fair tonight and Thursday; continued cold.

Local Data. Temperature 4 year ago today: Highest, 61, lowest 30. Total monthly precipitation, 6.67 inches. Excess for the month, 4.13 inches.

Total precipitation since September 1, 1935, 13.54 inches. Excess for the season, 2.67 inches.

Relative humidity at 5 p. m. yesterday, 43% & 4 m. today, 71%. Sunrise tomorrow, 7:26 a. m. Sunset tomorrow, 5:23 p. m.

Observations Taken at 5 a. m., 120 Meridian Time.

Table with columns: City, High Temp, Low Temp, Wind, Weather. Rows include Boise, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Eureka, Helena, Los Angeles, MEDFORD, New York, Omaha, Portland, Reno, Roseburg, Salt Lake, San Francisco, Seattle, Spokane, Walla Walla, Washington, D.C.

MATTIE MANNING PASSES IN TALENT

Mattie L. Manning, 61, wife of O. A. Manning, passed away at their residence in Talent at 9:45 a. m., today.

Mrs. Manning was born at Morrison, Ill. Besides her husband, she leaves one sister, Hattie Brier of Sioux City, Iowa, and a niece, Lucy Blouck of Gresham, Ore., who is expected here for the services which will be held in the M. E. church at Talent at 2:30 Saturday.

Arrangements are with Conger Funeral parlors and the rites will be conducted by the Rev. T. H. Temple. Concluding services will be in the Talent cemetery.

Inmate Hangs Self. SALEM, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—William H. Swank, 67, hanged himself with a towel at the state hospital early this morning, officials reported.

Swank was committed to the institution from Marion county April 3, 1930. He was a resident of Lyons.

Slayer's Aide Paroled. PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—A. C. Lehman of Portland received a two-year prison sentence, and subsequently was paroled, for taking George Fleider and Ferdinand Westcott, convicted slayers, to Vancouver, Wash. after the pair shot Deputy Sheriff Ernest Loll near Portland September 29, 1935.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT As of JANUARY 1, 1936

Table with columns: ASSETS, NET ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS. Rows include Cash, Government Bonds, Municipal and Corporate Bonds, Preferred Stocks, Premiums in Course of Collection, Prepaid Reinsurance Premiums, Interest Due and Accrued, Reserve for Claims in Process of Adjustment, Reserve for Adjustment Expense, Reserve for Administration Expenses, Reserve for Accrued Taxes, Reserve for Reinsurance Premiums, Reserve for Unearned Premium, SURPLUS.

Table with columns: Year, Assets, Surplus, Net Premiums, Written, Income, Debits. Rows include 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935.

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TWO SALES MADE AT REALTY MARKET OF M. E. CHURCH TO CONTINUE ACTIVE

Two sales and a lease were announced today by Brown & White, realtors. The firm stated that the real estate market is continuing active, with demand for both residential and farm properties.

The late W. Y. Crosson residence at 1015 East Main street was sold to R. Milstons, who arrived here recently with his wife and family. The property, the Brown & White office said, is to be renovated and remodeled. It is a two-story, eight-room modern home.

Mr. Crosson operated a restaurant here for years. His widow, for whom the sale was made, resides in Martinez, Cal.

An unimproved tract of 40 acres in Eagle Point was sold for the Eagle Point Irrigation district to Lewis M. Russell, Tiller rancher. Mr. Russell is planning to develop the tract as a general farm, making his home there as soon as it is built up, the realty firm said.

Construction of a home and outbuildings will probably be started in the spring it was stated. The Judge C. M. Thomas home at 52 Rose Court has been leased for a year to Mrs. Lincoln Martin, retired army officer who came to Medford recently with his wife and family.

Mrs. Martin chose this city as an ideal place to live. The realty concern stated the major is a friend of Capt. Oliver L. Overmyer, who also is a retired army officer.

DISTRICT PASTORS OF M. E. CHURCH TO MEET IN ASHLAND

ASHLAND, Jan. 29.—(Sp.)—Methodist ministers of his district will convene in the Methodist Episcopal church in Ashland, Thursday, January 30, according to the Rev. Melville T. Wire, pastor.

Outside speakers, including Bishop Titus Love, D.D., LL.D., of Portland, will be present. The general public is invited to the sessions. Special attention is called to Bishop Love's address at 7:30 p. m.

The program is as follows: 9:30 a. m.—Devotions, O. J. Gill, minister at Marshfield.

10 a. m.—Chief Book of Evangelism M. T. Wire minister at Ashland. 10:25 a. m.—Full Orbed Evangelism Jos. Knotts minister at Medford.

10:50 a. m.—The Ancient Evangelistic Method J. W. Warrell, minister at Klamath Falls.

11:15 a. m.—Evangelistic preaching. Preaching for a Verdict, O. L. Goodwell, minister of First church at Portland. Mid-day prayer, E. B. Lockhart, minister at Roseburg. 1:30 p. m.—Singing. 1:45 p. m.—The Place of Emotion in Evangelism, J. B. Coan, minister at Grants Pass. 2:10 p. m.—Is Valuation Evangelism Fulle or Productive, Louis Magin, district superintendent of Salem district. 2:35 p. m.—Church School Evan-

FINAL SEAL REPORT AVAILABLE MARCH 1

Final reports on the sale of tuberculosis seals by the Jackson County Health association will not be available until about March 1, it was announced today.

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THE DALLES, Ore., Jan. 29.—(AP)—Funeral services were held here today for Thomas Gavin, 69, mayor of Shaniko, in the southern part of the county. He was born in Rockbridge, Ill., but was a merchant at Shaniko for 35 years.

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Governor Charles H. Martin Supports Sales Tax For Old-Age Assistance

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Social Security a Compelling Subject

In recent years one of the general subjects most prominently before Congress and the Legislatures of the several states has been that of public welfare and social security. Consideration of this subject has been prompted by the conviction, growing stronger each year, that neither the nation nor the state can ignore its responsibility to the aged and the destitute.

A generation or more will be required to clear the economic and social wreckage of this depression. Many workers in their prime six years ago now have reached physical and mental conditions largely precluding re-employment for the remainder of their lives.

As unavailing results of the depression, reversals of fortune, losses of property and dissipation of savings have come to millions of middle age, leaving them not opportunely whatever to regain a competence for their remaining years.

These aging men and women must continue below the border line of self-support. Measures and means for the amelioration of these conditions are engaging the most serious attention of the legislative and executive branches of our national and state governments.

Irresistably the conclusion has come that human welfare and social security are vital problems of the nation and the state which no longer can be left largely in the care of lesser political units.

Old-Age Assistance Necessary and Permanent. A crowning achievement of welfare legislation is the Social Security Act of 1935, and particularly so as it relates to assistance for the needy aged.

Regardless of whether we be for or against the so-called New Deal, or whether the advisability of other features may be subject to question, we cannot sensibly deny the necessity nor doubt the permanence of that part of the Social Security Act which makes provision for assistance to the aged in want.

Oregon Law Now Idle Machinery

By acts of the 1935 regular and special sessions of the Legislature, Oregon now has an Old-Age Assistance Law which conforms in all respects with the requirements of the Federal Social Security Act. But this law is not self-operative; it must remain idle machinery until put in motion with funds which Oregon itself must provide to match the proffered funds of the United States.

State money in half is required for payments up to \$30.00 a month to the needy aged. The Legislature was confronted with the necessity of providing a revenue measure to put the Old-Age Assistance Law in operation. The final result of its deliberations on this difficult problem is the so-called sales tax act, referred to the people for approval or rejection at the special election of January 21, 1936.

Effects of Approval or Rejection of Proposed Tax. If the sales tax proposition shall be approved, it immediately will begin providing funds for old-age assistance. Equal matching funds then may be obtained from the United States for the same purpose. This means that qualified persons, 65 years of age and over, may receive as much as \$30.00 a month, \$15.00 of which will be contributed by the United States and \$15.00 by the state of Oregon.

In place of the county old-age pensions, now paid in beggary amounts to those only in the direct need, 70 years of age and over. The reduction in the age limit alone will increase by 75 per cent the total number of eligible persons in Oregon.

If, on the other hand, the sales tax proposition shall be rejected, the Oregon Old-Age Assistance Law will remain idle machinery.

Age Assistance Law will remain wholly inoperative, unless and until some other revenue measure shall be devised, enacted into law and begin supplying state funds to match the waiting Federal funds.

Property Taxes at Breaking Point. I have vigorously opposed increases in existing taxes and, also, the imposition of new taxes on the people and industries of Oregon. Property taxes are at or beyond the breaking point and running against the inexorable law of the diminishing return.

In general, Oregon's accumulated \$47,000,000 of delinquent property taxes not only impair the solvency and efficiency of many local governmental units, but also have brought loss and ruin to thousands of owners and hang as a heavy cloud over the processes of industrial and economic recovery.

Let Well Enough Alone With Income Taxes. I am a firm supporter of our state income tax laws—personal, intangibles and corporation excise. But it is time to let well enough alone. Our income tax laws are in more danger from their unreasoning friends than from their most violent enemies.

No surer method could be found of destroying these laws or impairing their productive capacity than by reducing the exemptions and so bring in an enlarged opposition, or by increasing the rates so high as to drive those with large incomes from the state. Inordinate property taxation has killed many a goose laying golden eggs and similar results can be secured by excessive and unreasonable taxation of incomes.

Agree With Legislature on Sales Tax. As is well known, I have not approved the findings of the Legislature in several important matters. But I do agree in the findings of the last special session that Oregon's necessary contribution to adequate old-age assistance, in cooperation with the Federal government under the Social Security Act, could not properly and safely come from increased taxes on property or on incomes.

Neither do I know of any other source or sources of revenue sufficient and available for that vital purpose, except the sales tax.

Support Sales Tax Because Vitally Necessary. I have no fondness for a sales tax and for any ordinary purpose would not support it. But we are confronted by a serious human condition and I cannot join with those who would sacrifice the aged in their necessities for the sake of maintaining stubbornly an economic theory.

Therefore, I support this sales tax wholeheartedly, not because it is a sales tax, but because it is vitally necessary to bring aid and comfort, here and now, to thousands of aged men and women who are in distress and want.

I know they say this is the worst sales tax yet proposed. Such statements are common with people given to superlatives of denunciation of all ideas not of their own conceiving. To them each sales tax is the worst ever, notwithstanding that the particular features of one to which they chiefly object do not appear in the next proposition submitted.

In one breath they proclaim that this sales tax would ruin the merchant because he would have to absorb it and, also, oppress the buyer because the merchant would pass it on to him. Manifestly, it could not do both these things at one and the same time. The merchant is permitted to pass the tax to the buyer and common sense tells us he would not absorb it to his serious injury.

Common sense further tells us the passing of the tax by merchants or sellers would involve a distribution so thin and wide that the economic status of buyers

and consumers would not be appreciably impaired. Numerous representations that this sales tax would "soak" particular groups of producers, manufacturers, merchants or consumers are but further demonstrations of the fact that issues in taxation present some of the severest tests of our capacity for self-government.

For no other field is more fertile wherein appeals may be seen to ignorance, prejudice and selfishness.

No Time to Dodge Issues or Twist Facts. I am not unmindful of the devices many public officials employ to avoid commissions on unpopular issues. But this is no time for artful dodging of responsibility or clever twisting of plain facts, particularly when such responsibility and facts concern the vital welfare of thousands of misfortunate aged men and women of our state.

Ancient Arguments Do Not Apply. Neither am I unmindful of the sound arguments against a sales tax where employed as a principal source of public revenues. Like learned sales tax opponents of the present day, I too could repeat Adam Smith's denunciations of 150 years ago, buried at the Spanish alcavala and other sales taxes of the Middle Ages and later centuries.

Whenever "sales tax" is mentioned, the alcavala and its kind of the centuries preceding the American and French Revolutions loom before those of narrower visions. Immediately they join the courageous attack on the same old wind-mills.

But it is a far cry from the Spanish alcavala and other sales taxes of some four hundred years ago, outrageously imposed by absolute monarchs, at rates of 5 to 10 per cent, for purposes of conquest and oppression, to the sales tax now proposed in Oregon, at rates of one-quarter of 1 to 2 per cent, with liberal exemptions chiefly beneficial to the poor, to provide funds necessary for the support and comfort of our needy aged.

Properly have the economists denounced the sales tax as the theoretical basis of all taxation. But none such is proposed or conceived for Oregon. It is proposed only as a minor factor in a tax system and to meet a desperate emergency.

Meet Responsibility and Perform Patriotic Duty. It is high time that we turn from the advice of ingrowing narrowness; that we meet our grave responsibility with open and liberal minds. Let us all chip in our bits of assistance for the needy old people, and particularly so since each penny or dollar we contribute will bring another penny or dollar from Washington.

"The Greeks are at our gates." I appeal to all the people of our beloved state to perform their patriotic duty in the present emergency by voting for the sales tax for old-age assistance. Let us not leave the old folks in want.

The Legislature at its special session, on its own initiative, gave this question the most thoughtful consideration and could find no other means, without further impairment of our present deplorable tax situation, than by the proposed measure to raise the necessary revenue for old-age assistance.

I would be much distressed if the people of this state should reject the proposed tax measure and thus leave our needy old people in distress until the Legislature shall again take up the then more difficult problem of old-age assistance at its regular session a year hence.

(Signed) CHARLES H. MARTIN, Governor of Oregon. Salem, Oregon, January 25, 1936

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