

Bill Would Ban Income Tax Levies by Cities, Counties

Measure Reserves State and Federal Right To Taxation

Salem — (U.P.) — A bill to ban cities or counties from levying income taxes on corporations or individuals was before the Oregon Senate today, directed to correct, its sponsors said, such levies as one already imposed by the city of Portland.

The measure would reserve to the state and federal governments the right to levy income taxes.

The sponsors, Sens. Rudie Wilhelm Jr. (R-Portland), chairman of the senate assessment and taxation committee, and Lee Ohmart (R-Salem), vice-chairman, introduced two bills right back of it making provisions in case the first bill is not passed.

Income Tax Limited
One would provide that a city may levy a tax based on net or gross income, but only on such income derived from services performed or sales made where deliveries are effected within the city limits. For instance, a corporation with headquarters in Portland, directing a shipment from an eastern point to a Medford market, could not be taxed for the profit on that shipment by the city of Portland. It could be, then, by Medford.

Sen. Wilhelm explained the object of this was to prevent overlapping of taxes — double or multiple taxation.

"Kicker" Bill
The third measure, frankly admitted to be a "kicker" bill to call sharply to the attention of those businesses that would be affected, would provide in event the cities are allowed to tax income, that all exemptions be removed. At present a city may not levy an income tax on banks, production credit associations, financial corporations, building and loan associations, racing meets, liquor establishments and insurance businesses and real estate and business brokers.

Portland gets a tax on privileges to do business with the license based on the income of the business, Sen. Wilhelm said. Should Stay Out of Field.

He observed: "It is our feeling that the property tax should be left to the cities and other local divisions of government and that the state should stay out of the property tax field. The Legislature has so far adopted this program and has made it possible for the cities to increase their property tax base by submission of a new tax base to the people."

BATH ROD TELESCOPES
Los Angeles, Calif. — (U.P.) — One of the newest bathroom accessories disappears when not in use. It is a bar for drying nylons or lingerie, or for holding guest towels, and operates pulled out when needed, or pushed out of sight when no longer necessary. The bar comes in two models—one for complete recessing in the wall; and one for installation on the wall.

Columbus voyages to the New World were in 1492, 1493 and 1494 (same voyage), 1498 and 1502.

Bills in Legislature

Salem — (U.P.) — The Oregon House has passed a Senate approved measure to allow the warden of the state penitentiary to safeguard funds held in the commissary for prisoners when they are discharged or paroled.

Each prisoner discharged would receive \$50, whether he had that much coming or not, and any money above that would be paid to him at intervals the warden would determine.

Rep. Pat Dooley (D-Portland) expressed concern that some future warden might abuse the discretion and hold back on funds that a prisoner he "had a grudge against" might have. Although discussion was limited to Dooley's questions and the explanation of the bill by Rep. George Layman (R-Newberg) 22 votes were cast against the measure.

Salem — (U.P.) — A bill to create a paid liquor commission has been introduced in the Oregon Senate by Sen. Phil Brady (D-Portland).

Under Brady's measure, each of the three commissioners would be paid not more than \$10,000 a year, the amount to be fixed by the governor. As under

the present law, in which the commissioners are not paid a salary but only expenses, the three members would be appointed by the governor.

A bill already has been introduced in the Senate by Sen. Robert D. Holmes (D-Gearhart) to replace the three-man commission with one commissioner.

Another bill introduced by Sen. Brady would allow taverns to serve wine as well as beer.

The amendment to the liquor control act involved would allow taverns to sell beer and wine containing not more than 14 per cent alcohol.

Grange
Roxey Ann Grange met Feb. 4 with Master Orrie Moore presiding. It was announced that \$27 was taken in from the March of Dimes card party.

Agriculture Chairman Charlie Witcher gave an interesting report on farm prices.

Building Chairman Nelson Shober thanked the members who helped repair the floor, put the molding on, and the ladies for the good potluck dinner.

Legislative Chairman Ivan Wolfe gave a good report on news concerning the government.

Roscoe Roberts told about prices now in comparison with 1947. Seems the dollar will buy more now, than it did at that time.

Dance Chairman Ken Shaw announced a potluck dinner and card party Saturday, Feb. 19, at 8 p.m.

Lecturer Laura Witcher turned the program over to the young people of the Grange who presented Valentine skits and music and memoirs of how the husbands met their wives.

HEC Chairman Marguerite Shaw announced next meeting will be at the Grange hall at 8 o'clock, Feb. 16, with Mrs. Claypool and Muriel Shaw as hostesses.

Madge Nowlin had a display table of salt and pepper shakers.

Next Grange meeting will be Feb. 18, at 8:15 p.m., there will be baked food and sewing for sale.

DOG BITES BOY, DIES
Toronto — (U.P.) — Ian McLellan, 12, proved poet Oliver Goldsmith was right when he wrote of a dog who died after biting a man. Ian was playing his harmonica when his dog howled and bit him. Ian was checked for rabies, but it was the dog who became ill and died. The boy's parents believed the dog must have picked up some slow-acting poison beforehand.

4-H Follies Rehearsal Scheduled on Saturday

A dress rehearsal of the 4-H Friendship Follies is scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at Medford junior high school, according to Glenn Klein, county agent for 4-H club work.

The Follies will be presented Monday, Feb. 14, starting at 8 p.m. at the junior high school auditorium. Proceeds from the show will go to the International Farm Youth Exchange.

'BUSY' LEGISLATURE
Atlanta, Ga. — (U.P.) — A bill introduced by State Rep. Braswell Deen in effect would prohibit a chicken from crossing a road.

Babson... Bible and Formosa

By ROGER W. BABSON
Babson Park, Mass. (Special to Mail Tribune) — Four hundred years ago, my ancestor, the Rev. John Rogers, was burned at the stake in London, England, Feb. 4, 1555.

To commemorate him and add some current comments is my desire today.

The Rev. John Rogers was martyred for his work of translating the Bible into the English language and circulating this complete Bible in England. Tyndale, with the help of Coverdale, translated the New Testament and a portion of the Old Testament, as far as II Chronicles, when he was martyred therefor. Then John Rogers—under the assumed name of "Matthews"—completed the Bible in its entirety for readers in England. This was in 1517; and he did most of the work in Holland.

From Holland, the English imported flour, cheeses, and other foods. My ancestor arranged with the packers of the barrels and crates containing these food products to hide a Bible among the contents and thereby smuggled these Bibles into England.

When he returned to England, about ten years later, he was arrested and imprisoned in the Tower of London. Finally, he was martyred at "Smithfield," where I have seen bronze marker telling this story of his martyrdom.

Unwillingness to Sacrifice Basic Difficulty Today
There are many lessons for us from the above experience. First, is the consecration of the priests and preachers of that day and their willingness to make any sacrifices, including their lives. Our unwillingness to sacrifice for our Church and Faith is a basic difficulty of the U.S. today. It is good to see church membership and attendance increase; but these figures mean little unless accompanied by a willingness to sacrifice.

Jesus never quoted statistics. He demanded that His followers be judged by their works of righteousness. I would go even further and say that the greatness of every powerful nation has been made possible by the people's sacrifice. When the willingness to sacrifice declined, the nation's economic strength declined along with its spiritual strength. In fact, the best U.S.

barometer of our spiritual strength is the value of our dollar. It increases or decreases according to our willingness to sacrifice for what is right.

We Must Again Teach Bible to Our Children
The second lesson applies to the great need of more Bible reading today. When I was a boy, most New England families were Bible-reading families with daily family prayers. We were all taught to obey Bible teachings and to memorize them. I believe that we must again install the Bible as a family guide and as our national guide.

Atomic bombs will not save us, any more than the Chinese Wall saved China, or the Maginot Line saved France. This nation is depending too much on material defense. The more wealth we have, the better target we are, and through jealousy the more enemies we will have. Only as we practice the Bible's Golden Rule, both in national and international affairs, can we hope to survive. The Bible is the only "Bomb" which can save America. Read Isaiah, chapter 31.

Bible Seen Taught in Chinese Colleges
The Chinese leaders of today were largely educated in colleges founded by missionaries sent to China by the Christian church of the U.S., England and our Western Allies. I have visited some of these Chinese colleges and have seen the Bible being taught there to the brightest young men of China. These students were greatly impressed by Jesus' teachings, especially by the Sermon on the Mount.

As these students matured and became acquainted with the way our businessmen and politicians acted, they truly wondered if we are a Christian nation. Students who came to New York, Chicago and other large American cities for post-graduate work concluded that we are hypocrites. They returned to China saying that the Bible is a forgotten book with us. The Russian Communists told them that our missionaries used our Bible only to "put the Chinese to sleep" while we robbed China.

President Eisenhower and Secretary Dulles—both Bible-reading men—are handicapped by this unfortunate situation. Fighting alone will not save Formosa. Formosa and the entire East can be saved only if we stop worshipping material success and atomic power and return to the teachings of the Bible.

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Review of Oregon's Tax Problems Set

A review of Oregon's tax situation, and of proposals to raise additional amounts of tax money in the state, will be made at a meeting here Monday morning.

Bob Root, former state representative, will conduct the discussion. The meeting is of the legislative committee of the Jackson County Chamber of Commerce. Those interested in learning about various tax proposals may attend. The chamber

as yet has taken no position on proposed tax legislation. The meetings begin at 7:30 a.m. at the Medford hotel. In addition, proposed highway legislation will be reviewed.

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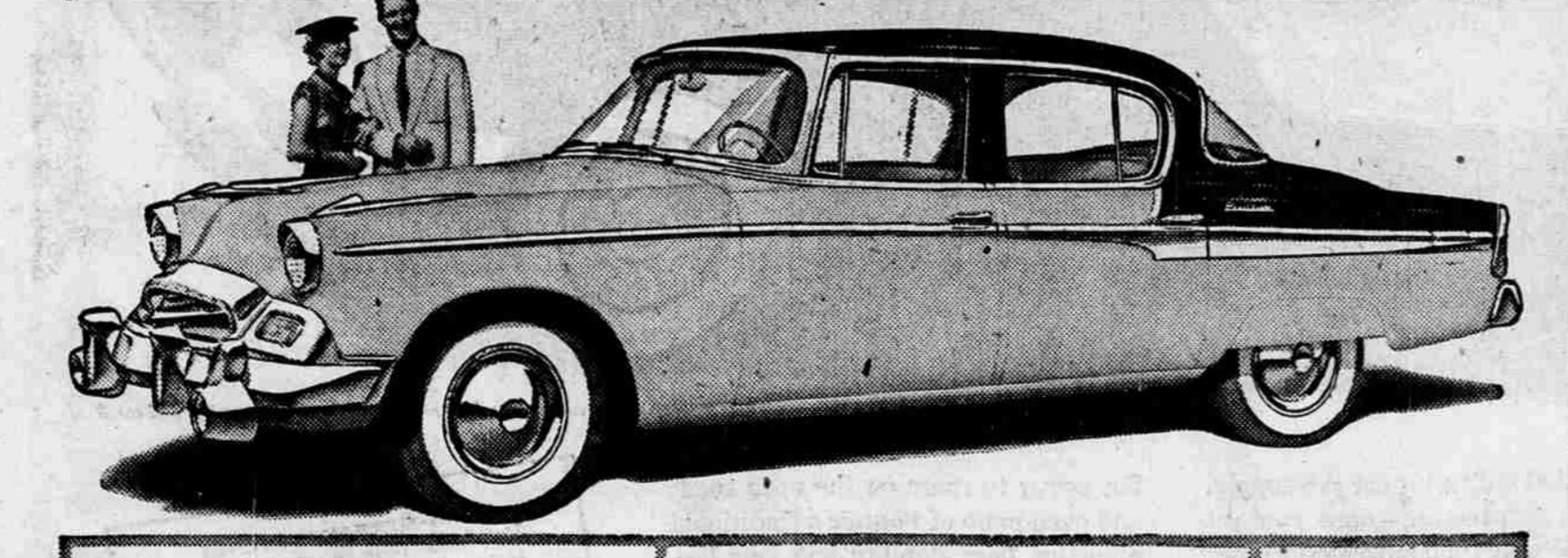
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