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Carkin Committee Bungles

AFTER many hard sessions and much study the Carkin tax committee—a product of the last legislature—presents a state income tax bill that is a bungled mess of nothing. Many other recommendations of the committee are valuable and should help the legislature to decide some important tax questions.

But, the income tax bill, which has claimed the spotlight, is about the nearest nothing that could come from a body of men who deliberated and disagreed, reconsidered and finally recommended, not unanimously, a plan that will bring little revenue; that will raise the property owners' taxes and turn affairs of the state into a chaotic condition should the legislature adopt it.

It is safe to guess that the legislature will refuse to adopt it. We would not be surprised if that body passed a resolution condemning the whole structure and asking that no more tax commissioners or committees be named.

Under the proposed bill property owners will not be relieved, although that is the only possible reason for having any income tax law. Those who struggle under the load of taxes on real property will be forced to pay an income tax, as well. The much talked-of offset only applies on a percentage basis and the property owner will find that he is compelled to pay an income tax in addition to his property tax, even though he is allowed an offset of 75 per cent of the computed income tax.

Serious minded men who worked with the hope that an income tax law could be enacted to take the burden off of real property, gave it up when this measure was recommended. Even John Carkin, chairman of the committee that bears his name, took the floor and denounced the bill.

As things look now the coming session of the legislature will probably have difficulty in agreeing upon an income tax bill, and it is just as well. We cannot believe that this state needs such a law. There are several ways to raise more state funds if needed, such as documentary taxes and other plans.

And, too, there are quite a few of us who honestly believe that the interest being paid on the "deficit" we hear so much about may be a good annual investment. When a political unit has a floating debt there is less inclination to launch out into new undertakings, hence the debt may be of value to old Oregon even though it does cost a little interest.

You are definitely middle-aged if you read back to Page 86, discover the story is to be continued, and neither swear nor kick the cat.

Correct this sentence: "When I ask John what he thinks of a new hat," said she, "he always gives me his honest opinion."

The millennium will be here soon after you see the first bronze statue inscribed: "To John Jones, who minded his own business."

The objection to fame as a prize is that the same people who give it can take it away.

Still, every driver who doesn't take to the ditch seems a road hog to the timid driver.

SIDE GLANCES

By George Clark



FAY: I hope my ankles are strong.
MAE: I hope the ice is strong.

GASOLINE WAR TAKES ANOTHER STRANGE TWIST

Offer Five Gallons Gas With Every Six Quarts of Oil

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 7. (A. P.)—Portland's retail gasoline trade has assumed all the characteristics of the distribution of price packages. The latest concession in a price cutting war that has brought gasoline down to 15 1/2 cents a gallon in many stations, is offering five gallons of gasoline free with every six quarts of lubrication oil.

Other dealers, charging between 17 to 20 cents, offer a package of cigarettes free with five gallons of fuel. Some stations give motorists a choice between cigars and cigarettes.

While the gasoline price war raged on, independent dealers were seeking to effect a new organization to bring service stations men together to end the struggle.

A meeting has been called for Wednesday night. Sponsors of the gathering hope to have six hundred service station operators present to consider a plan to end the price cutting.

The war started when several independent operators found they were being undersold by several other stations.

Wholesale distributors say no reduction in price has been made to retailers and that none is contemplated.

CORPORATION IS CRITICISED

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phone instrument has been found to be about \$1.41, yet the frame of the instrument is sold by the Western Electric company to the American company, and by it passed on the Pacific firm for \$2.14, and that the operating mechanism or "insides" of the phone was not sold, but leased at a price that at a rental brought several times its value each year.

"We have told the telephone company," he stated, "that the only difference between them and Jesse James was that Jesse had a horse."

The hearing was opened by Mayor George L. Baker. He turned the gavel over to John M. Mann, commissioner of public utilities. Mann called first on D. R. Holm, special rate counsel of the city of San Francisco. Holm told of a fight in the bay city to prevent the telephone company from increasing rates in that vicinity a percentage that would amount to \$7,000,000 annually.

Otto Case, chairman of the committee on efficiency, Seattle, declared that the only way results can be obtained in the

fight for rate reduction, is by a concerted action of all states included in the Pacific division of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company, aimed to get access to the books of the supply companies.

It was expected that a plea to congress, asking an investigation, may grow from the Portland conference.

Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah, Nevada and California were interested.

Among those present were J. B. Messick, mayor of Baker, Ore.; Loren A. Butt, city attorney of Fresno, Calif.; John E. Carroll, head of the city council of Seattle, Wash.; J. M. Geraghty, corporation commissioner, Spokane, Wash.; Kenneth T. Harlan, rate expert representing Tacoma.

FUNERAL NOTICES

MARCIA ANN BEANE

Marcia Ann the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter H. Beane, passed away in this city Sunday morning at 1:30 o'clock. She was born Dec. 31, 1928. In addition to her parents she is survived by a brother Richard and a sister Barbara. Funeral services were conducted at the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home Sunday morning at 11 o'clock with Rev. D. V. Haight pastor of the First Presbyterian church officiating. Interment was made in Mt. View cemetery at Ashland.

AGNES FISCHER

Agnes Fischer well known resident of Klamath Falls for 15 years, passed away at her late residence 1935 Dolores Street Monday morning at 2 o'clock following a brief illness. She was a native of Germany and aged 88 years 2 months and 13 days at the time of her demise. She is survived by 2 sons Arthur and Alfred of this city, 4 daughters Mrs. Anna Payette of Costa Mesa, Calif., Mrs. E. Bunge of San Francisco, Mrs. Hedwig Hoehnback of Germany and Mrs. Alma Fischer of this city and 1 sister Mrs. Otto Schumann of Sonoma, Calif. The remains are in the Gold room of the Earl Whitlock Funeral Home, Pine Avenue at Sixth where friends may call. Announcement of funeral arrangements will be made later.

U. S. WINS IN BIG RUM CASE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (A. P.)—The government won in a big prohibition case from Seattle today involving thirteen men who were convicted of conspiring with 64 others to violate the prohibition law.

Pete Dahl, George Kearns and eleven others were refused a supreme court review of their conviction which they contested on the ground that the district attorney who prosecuted them emphasized their failure to take the witness stand and that accomplices were permitted to testify without instructions from the judge as to the weight such testimony should be given.

A beetle thousands of years old was found perfectly preserved among the wrappings of an Egyptian mummy.

NEWS NOTES OF KENO DISTRICT

VELMA SNOWGOOSE

HERALD CORRESPONDENT
KENO, Jan. 7.—Those who attended the dance given by Mr. Whorley and Mr. Everett Hotchkiss, Sr. on New Year's eve enjoyed a delightful party.

Mr. and Mrs. Aaron Moore are the proud parents of a baby girl, born on Monday, December 31.

W. A. Shell, Keno barber returned from Ashland where he was called because of the illness of his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ward of McCallum's mill have returned home from Grants Pass where they enjoyed the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol Carpenter and children and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Carpenter and son, Olaf, returned home the first of the week from Corning, California, where they spent the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Prather arrived home on Saturday from Grants Pass where they visited with relatives.

The Misses Edna Kerns and Jessie Puckett left Tuesday evening for Eugene, where they are attending the U. of O.

Mrs. Olga Carpenter was a visitor at the home of Mrs. William Woods on Monday.

John Taylor and Lyle McCormick, well known shopmen of this vicinity attended the dance on New Year's eve.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Graham spent New Year's at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hotchkiss.

Miss Olive Hill, from her home at Henley attended the dance held on New Year's eve at Keno. Mr. and Mrs. Guy Johnston and family of McCallum's mill, motored to Klamath Falls, on Monday.

The teachers of the Keno schools have returned from various points where they spent their Christmas holidays. Mr. Harold Ashley, principal from California, the Misses Hill and Miller from Henley and Klamath Falls and Miss Erdmann from Eugene.

Betty Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hotchkiss spent Wednesday visiting with her grandmother of McCallum's mill. Lois Snowgoose and Ray Trefren, who spent Christmas here with relatives returned Saturday to Butte Falls, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charley Gray and daughter, Heida, of Ashland, spent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Puckett. Miss Reatha Hartell, student of the Southern Oregon Normal

who spent her holidays here, returned to Ashland on Wednesday.

Miss Ottilie Duger, another of the Keno teachers returned Tuesday from Portland where she spent the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Gandy of McCallum's mill were Saturday evening callers at the E. Hotchkiss home.

Miss Esther Anderson motored to Klamath Falls on business Tuesday.

Nellie Doten, postmistress, who has been quite ill the past week is improving.

Miss Miriam Grubb, employe of the Golden Rule store spent New Year's at her home in Keno. "Bill" Goddard spent New Year's in Klamath Falls.

Ed Palama was a guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hotchkiss Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rutledge were Klamath Falls visitors on Wednesday.

Ben Snowgoose, accompanied by his mother and sisters, Lois, Cora and Velma, motored to Klamath Falls Friday afternoon.

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MAN OVERCOME BY SMOKE; DIES IN SMALL FIRE

SEATTLE, Jan. 7. (A. P.)—One man succumbed to smoke and two others were severely burned in a hotel and rooming house fire here early today.

Damage to the building was only \$4000. The fire was believed to have been caused by a carelessly thrown cigarette.

W. P. Harris, 45, a longshoreman, was found dead in an upper hallway near his door where he apparently had been overcome by smoke while trying to escape the flames. He had slipped to a floor. Other guests fled to safety in night clothing.

The chief products of the Cape Verde Islands are coffee, hides and millet.

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