

Today's Roundup

By MALCOLM EPLEY

LOCAL expressions of sentiment on a state sales tax, heard during preliminary discussion of this important state issue, usually have been qualified with the comment that "it must be an offset to real property taxes."

The measure which the house assessment and taxation committee voted to introduce yesterday certainly meets that qualification. Half of the \$24,000,000 or so it would raise would be given to the counties, cities and school districts as a property tax offset, and the other half would go to the state general fund to be used to offset the state property tax.

In addition to these offsets against the burdensome taxes on real property, the proposed measure also carries reductions in income taxes.

These provisions are a pointed answer to the usual criticism of the sales tax to the effect that it would be "just another tax" and would be an added burden instead of relief to taxpayers. That cry can't justifiably be directed at this measure. As a matter of fact, the question might be raised as to whether this tax provides enough new revenue to meet the pressing demands upon the state so much in evidence at this session of the legislature. It is largely an offset measure.

But at any rate, it does offer much in the direction of equitable distribution of the tax burden. As planned, it will be up for a vote in November at a special election, giving ample time for thorough public discussion of the issues involved.

New Homesteaders

TOMORROW, 86 new Klamath farmers will select the land they will operate as a result of their good luck in the December homestead drawing and subsequent screenings. On Saturday, the homesteaders will be welcomed with appropriate ceremonies and hospitality demonstrations at Tulelake, which henceforth will be their home town and mail address.

Establishment of 86 new farms in our basin is of economic significance. It means 86 new farm families making a living from the fertile soil of the Klamath country. At the usually accepted ratio, that will be a population of 344 persons. Some of the people already live here, of course, but most of them are newcomers.

They will build homes, and barn structures, acquire farm equipment, patronize the business houses of the area for all of the things needed for living and for operating a going agricultural enterprise.

Furthermore, these will be independent people, owning and operating their own farm business.

What happens on the Tulelake homestead area in the next few months will be indicative of what agricultural development can mean to the economic future of the Klamath country.

Our apologies to the Bend Bulletin for inadvertent failure to credit yesterday's "guest editorial" on reclamation charges to that paper. The editorial presumably was written by Editor-Publisher Bob Sawyer of Bend, president of the National Reclamation association.

News Behind The News

By PAUL MALLON
PALM BEACH, Fla., March 12—These are strange times. The stock market did not go up at the news of the republican election victory. It did not go up when the administration reduced margin requirements, or at the Lewis supreme court decision. Plainly it refuses to react favorably to what it would call good news. Yet it is sensitive on the downside,

STATIC

By KELLY ROBERTS

Bingsday evening again, this time featuring Don Neal and the play-offs for the state basketball championship direct from McArthur court in Eugene. The first game broadcast will be the Pelican-Lebanon game. If the Pels win their first tilt, Don will be back Thursday to broadcast the next step in the Pels' championship climb.

In the meantime, while the game tonight is being broadcast, transcriptions of the Bing Crosby and Henry Morgan shows will be made for replaying immediately after the game. Bing will preview St. Patrick's day

RADIO PROGRAMS

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falling last week at mildly bad possibilities, and indeed falling occasionally when there are no visible reasons.

I asked a man who knows to explain this to me. Why does the market not follow events?

His reply was substantially this: Stocks are widely held but stockholders are no longer fooled by news as easily as in former days. The value of a stock is simply what it is worth, and it is worth today no more than the economic situation of the country—and that situation was not changed at the republican election, and has not been changed yet. Furthermore it is too large a factor in the value of stocks to be influenced very much by a reduction of margin requirements, merely making it easier to buy stocks.

On the under-side of the matter, stockholders are sensitive themselves to the failures to correct economic defects, or delays in correction. The longer this goes on, the more sensitive they will be.

The stock market, then, is right, he says. Illogical as it may seem on the surface, the market view is really sound. What could correct this situation, I asked my friend. What developments would the market consider to be effective?

His reply was that if the republicans got together in congress and issued a statement saying this will be done and that will not be done that the economic situation will be taken hold of in a firm leadership grasp, then the market might consider the prospect of effective leadership to be realistic and sound, and stocks might go up.

Get Together

BETTER yet, if Truman and the republican leaders get together on a statement saying they will quit playing politics and recognize the condition of the country to be an incipient crisis as it is, people might be convinced that some confidence is worth while concerning future developments.

But as long as they continue fighting each other over such comparatively minor issues as Bilbo, two terms for presidents, investigating war profits and dragging out in squabbles the consideration of such important matters to the economy as budget cutting and tax reduction, they will never get anywhere. They are both playing politics when politics should be entirely avoided.

The democrats are running Truman for president again 20 months ahead of time. (See Hannegan and Clark statements recently.) They act as if they had not lost an election at all, as if there were no dissatisfaction in the country whatsoever, and indeed they have made a Gallup poll believe Truman is popular enough to get re-elected although he has not done a single, solitary remedial thing.

Why the republicans have not succeeded in taking any action even on Bilbo (my friend went on.) They are getting sucked into lending money to save British interests around the world while doing nothing about our own. The democrats are sucking them in on everything, or trying to and succeeding to a degree which obstructs action.

The republican election victory should have re-established two party government. This is the essence of democracy. Whenever you get a one party government it is a totalitarian dictatorship, no matter what you call it. We had that under Roosevelt. Men of brains and people without them were both afraid to speak their minds. There was no opposition party. The late president did not allow one to exist.

Sense Needed

BUT two party government definitely does not mean that all progress be nullified in political wrangling. It assumes both parties will have some sense. Unless they do you might as well have a dictatorship for at least you will get somewhere, even if it is not where you want to go. Both party leaderships so far have been shortsighted and predominantly political in nature; therefore self-nullifying.

I left my friend with the feeling he had been a little harsh on the slow moving and devious politicians in Washington. But I also left with the knowledge firmly established that the republicans do not enjoy the support of the conservatives, at least not a certain highest if not very influential segment of it, which we seldom see in Washington. The republicans, it seems again (as I have observed before,) merely won a leadership opportunity to do something and have not yet done it.

At any rate I found the answer to the riddle which has long puzzled me of why the stock market does not react normally.

with a medley of songs from the Auld Sod. Morgan will probably preview something in his "Theatre of Coming Attractions," in any case we most certainly shall not try to preview Morgan.

A friend in the radio department, Charlie McFarlan, handed us the following little set of words and asked us to punctuate it with commas so that it made sense. He added something about us not even being able to punctuate the stuff we write, much less anything anyone else wrote, but we casually ignored his remarks. Here it is, can you do it? "That that is is that that is is not that that is is that that is is not that that is is is is it not it is." He claims that it can be done and will prove it on a broadcast. Now I'm looking for something to stump him, which shouldn't be too hard—considering his mentality.

Platter-chatter—We spent a couple of minutes the other day annoying our favorite record salesgal and came up with a few tips on good bits. The Joe Mooney trio has made its second pressing with "Warm Kiss and Cold Heart" on one side, and "Tea for Two" on the other. The more you hear of Mooney, the more Mooney one wants to hear. We notice that more and more of the old pressings are getting popular once again like old Glen Miller, Glen Gray, Artie Shaw and Harry James recordings. One platter we happened on was

The World Today

By DeWITT MacKENZIE AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Senator Arthur Vandenberg, commenting to newsmen on the proposed American loan to Greece, has called attention to the viewpoint that this "is not an isolated phase but may prove to be symbolic of general policy which may have to be pursued all around the world inasmuch as the same fundamentals are involved in so many situations."

That is to say, Greece is far from being the only country in which the interests of Russia and the western democracies have collided head-on. We've seen it in other parts of Europe—for instance in the case of Turkey and the Dardanelles—and in the Far East in such hot-spots as Korea. Thus if Uncle Sam decides to deal with all cases on a similar basis, he will have a global job on his hands.

The possible development of such a complicated situation is what this column had in mind yesterday when it advanced the idea that the time assuredly has arrived for a showdown—a declaration of intentions—at the conference table between Russia and the western allies. The differences between east and west were raised a pitcon where if we don't get a showdown now in conference, we shall get it later in a far less desirable form.

Suspicious These differences are based on suspicions of each others motives. Either the suspicions are well-founded or they are baseless. If they are baseless, a showdown might eliminate the difficulties. If they are well-founded, we should at least know where we stand and be able to get ahead with the job from that unhappy standpoint.

As remarked yesterday, what the western allies want from Russia is a declaration that she has reached the end of her expansionist program, and that she will assist or at least not obstruct the thrusting of communism down the throat of Greece or any other country. What Moscow ostensibly wants is assurance that America, with its atom bomb, and the other western democracies aren't out to circumscribe Russia and impose their will on the rest of the world.

But someone remarks, how could you be sure in a showdown conference that the promises would be kept. Well, you couldn't be sure. But if each side laid its professed program on the line, it would be easy to tell from subsequent acts whether a true bill had been rendered and the injured side could act accordingly to guard its own interests. Anyway, if either side refused to table its intentions, that in itself would be proof of ulterior designs.

However, supposing we don't have a showdown but go ahead as we are—each side rushing here, there and everywhere to stick its thumb in a hole in the dike. Supposing we should have to adopt a policy of defense which would extend around the world. What would be the real significance of such a program?

Well, from where I sit it would look very much as though both sides would be maneuvering in the preliminaries of war. Indeed, it's hard to see how an

original Benny Goodman sextet on "Flying Home," it really took us back.

The James organization has popped up with a number called "Keb-Lah" as a running mate for the popular "Jalousie." It fails to quite live up to the latter's standards, however. Lionel Hampton has just released a new cutting, "Don't Let the Landlord Get You," which retains a little of the old Hampton style.

Just for the dickens of it you might like to bend an ear to what the brothers across the sea in England are doing, by needling "Body and Soul" as sung by Vera Lyn on an English record. Doesn't sound bad, but looks like they're using a cardboard base for their pressings.

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Rites Held For Smith Cox, Victim Of Auto Accident

Final rites for Smith Cox, Lapine logger who died at Hillside hospital Thursday from injuries received the previous Sunday in an automobile accident near Chemult, were held Monday in Medford with full military honors. Interment took place in the Central Point cemetery. Military services were conducted by the special service detachment, 1st battalion, Oregon State Guard. Mr. Cox was a member of Ponderosa Pine post, VFW, Bend, and pallbearers were members of the Medford post.

Mr. Cox was born in Snyder, Tex., and moved to Trail, Ore., at the age of 19. In 1917, he enlisted in the marine corps and was among the first to be sent to France where he saw active duty and was returned to the United States after the armistice. He engaged in log trucking at Trail until 1936, when he moved to Lapine and was employed by Larson Logging company until his death.

Grange Approves Of Rate Probe

The Fort Klamath grange, number 775, has announced its endorsement of house bill 362, authorizing an appropriation of \$50,000 to make a complete study of the freight rate situation. The grange stated that its action backing the bill is a result of "unjust discrepancies in present freight regulations placing western farmers at a disadvantage in competition with farmers of other parts of the nation."

In addition, the grange announces its intention to support any legislation for research in finding new uses for Oregon farm products.

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MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY 3:00 - 3:30 P. M.

Crater Lake Park Roads Cleared

Roads were cleared throughout Crater Lake national park today and motorists are assured of a pleasant journey through the park with picture taking possibilities excellent following the recent storm.

Snow depth is now measured at 126 inches. Skiing is good, with runs scheduled to be in fine shape for the week-end. Those going into the park are urged to carry chains in their cars. Minimum temperature Tuesday was 17 degrees, 38 maximum. This morning at 8:30 o'clock it was 21 degrees.

Firemen Make Final Dance Plans

Plans for the annual fireman's ball are being whipped into shape and the St. Patrick's dance at the armory Saturday night, March 15, is expected to see one of the biggest crowds to fill the big building. Pappy Gordon's orchestra will play and the public is invited.

PECK RITES

Miranda Peck, 95, for more than 40 years a summer home resident at Lake of the Woods and for 30 years operator of the boat concession at the resort, was buried Monday in Central Point cemetery following services held that day at Perl Funeral Home in Medford. Mr. Peck was a native of Ohio and moved to Central Point some 40 years ago. He spent every summer and several winters at the lake. The Redmen lodge officiated at graveside services. One son, Bert Peck of Central Point, survives.

Normal eyes can perceive about 160 different hues.

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Train Derailed, Two Injured

PORTLAND, March 12 (AP)—Two freight cars were derailed near Fall creek in Lane county today, causing minor injuries to two trainmen and blocking the line for five hours, the Southern Pacific dispatcher's office reported.

The freight train was going south when the accident occurred about midnight. The dispatcher said cause had not been determined definitely. He said injuries to the conductor and a brakeman were minor, and that normal traffic had been resumed over the line.

The West Coast, southbound from Portland and due in Klamath Falls at 7:50 a. m., was expected in around 1 p. m. today, Southern Pacific officials said.

Malin

Billy Dalton, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Dalton, won second place in the state FFA public speaking contest recently held at Ashland. Billy's subject was, "United We Stand."

Mrs. Teresa McComb, who has spent the past two months visiting relatives in Glendale, Calif., has returned to Malin.

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