

DISTRICT FACES FIRST DEFICIT IN HISTORY

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O. & M. Promised

Taxes were reduced by the previous administration last year under the belief that O. & M. would certainly be taken over. And this was promised by Bradbury and Jacob, but was made impossible by them and the deficit results.

Just to evidence the cause of failure of the O. & M. negotiations members of the Economy in Office club yesterday produced copies of a lengthy letter of explanation of the status of negotiations written by P. W. Dent, acting commissioner of reclamation. Dent's letter was in reply to a heated telegram sent by Bradbury on October 24. Bradbury's telegram was given full space by the Kberlein newspaper, but no public mention has been made of the department's reply to Bradbury, in which it is pointed out that: "This matter has not been, and is not now before the department in such a way that action may properly be taken upon the contract."

The resentment of the department at the querulous manner in which the matter most vital to the district was handled is set forth in one passage of the Dent letter as follows:

"Secretary Thomas, in his personal letter of April 30, addressed to Dr. Mead, objected to conducting negotiations through the medium of local officials, particularly to certain action of District Counsel Coffey, which was characterized as arbitrary interposition by a young gentleman not entirely conversant with local conditions."

"In reply to this letter the commissioner, in communication of May 13, explained why it has been and is necessary to conduct negotiations through local officials."

"The concluding paragraph of this letter stated that if draft of contract theretofore submitted by the local officials does not meet with approval of the district the changes considered necessary and desirable by the district should be suggested, and all papers submitted to the superintendent or district counsel for transmission through regular channels."

"From the foregoing you will note that we have been awaiting advice from the district or its attorney regarding their wishes. Had the suggestions made been followed by the district and written objections forwarded to the various provisions of Mr. Coffey's draft which were considered objectionable, the matter could have been considered and some definite decision reached. Now, however, it appears that we are substantially where we were when the commissioner's letter of May 13 was written."

Thus, is put up directly to the Bradbury dilatory tactics, the deficit faced by the taxpayers who must later make up any reduction gained in taxes for them by the old board, assert members of the Economy in Office club.

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE KLAMATH IRRIGATION DISTRICT:

I have been asked by some members of the district as to my position when elected a director of the Klamath Irrigation District at the coming election.

I am not inclined to make rash promises as to what I propose to do. I feel it is much better to meet and study situations and circumstances as they arise and then use my best judgment as to the proper course to pursue to best serve the interests of the water users. In other words I prefer to act and not talk. However, since I have been requested to make some statement, I wish to say at this time that as director of the Klamath Irrigation District, I will endeavor to conduct the work of the Board on a sound business basis, and at least eliminate the reckless expenditure of money that is being made by the present administration.

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JUDGE LINDSAY SAYS DOCTOR NO CRIMINAL

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daughter had gone. The "gain" in this case, therefore, was to the mind of Dr. Blazer a "gain" for his daughter, and would have been a "gain"

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for himself in that his life-struggle would have ended.

In the mind of Dr. Blazer, therefore, there was no criminal intent. Therefore there was no crime. Therefore the state should not "punish" him by hanging him or imprisoning him for life.

The question of the right of society as a whole, or of any individual in human society to act as Dr. Blazer did, cannot be determined today. Because we have not yet reached a state of understanding high enough to solve this complex problem. We cannot, of course, give to any individual the right to act as judge, jury, and executioner.

The Blazer case differs from a similar case where a layman might have done the same deed, for Blazer is a physician, realizing the full extent of his daughter's tragedy, and realizing how utterly hopeless her further existence would have been.

Will there come a time when society will appoint boards or commissions of scientists, who shall determine the desirability of fitness of individuals to live? Possibly. But the time is far off.

HOUSE AGREES TO TAX EXEMPT PLAN

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yet devised the graduated scale. This will be done by a sub-committee to be named.

Children under 21 who are attending school probably will be classed as dependents in the new bill.

The most significant departure from the Mellon recommendations is in the increased exemptions: Democrats asked for complete exemptions of all incomes under \$5,000, and at one time were prepared to make this a political issue. In view of the compromise made in committee, it is less likely that any concerted party fight will be made. Another departure from the Mellon plan was in the retention of the 25 per cent

allowance for earned incomes. The secretary of the treasury had urged its elimination. To compensate for this, however, Mellon's proposals for the normal rate were increased fractionally.

The committee agreement if adhered to by the house and senate, will mean that business can look for little in the way of a cut in its tax burdens. The committee has definitely decided upon viewing further figures from the treasury department that the government can stand little more than \$300,000,000 in reduced revenues and still have a surplus at the end of the next fiscal year.

This figure when the \$200,000,000 cut in income taxes is considered, would mean that out of all the rest of the imposts, but \$100,000,000 could be pared.

Chairman Groen of the house committee is said to feel that perhaps the increased income tax exemptions may mean too big a slash in this particular form of taxes, although it is certain that any attempt on the part of the republicans in the house to lower the exemptions will be met by stiff opposition from the democrats.

The action of the committee Thursday removes doubt that the federal government is ready to step out of the inheritance tax field. The committee will not recommend abolition of the inheritance tax, either at this time or within a period of six years, as has been proposed. The government is said to be of the opinion that rather than commit itself to a policy of eliminating this tax in favor of the states, it will watch what the states do with the tax before taking any definite action.

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The committee will take up the corporation income tax problems Friday and expects, if present progress maintains, to be able to draft the new revenue measure in complete form within two weeks.

Attend Lodge Meeting—Mr. and Mrs. Kirt Smith of Pelican City, attended the Rebekah lodge here last night.

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