



The state of Oregon seems to need more revenue, and the lawmakers are sitting up nights trying to figure out ways and means by which they can tap some other source of additional funds or boost the ante of those sources already paying taxes. With a constant demand ringing in their ears for salary increases for many classes of state employment and the cost of running the state higher than ever because of war conditions etc., the legislators would like to see a few additional millions come into the state treasurers office during the next biennium. If not, the lawmakers fear a beautiful set of red figures instead of the black ink they all like to see. Hence, the boys have a couple of ideas they may spring on the legislature in the next few days which will bring in more money beginning next year.

Liquor permits, which now cost \$1 per year, may be boosted to \$1.50 or even \$2. Over 700,000 permits were issued in 1944. This increase would, at the lower figure bring in around an additional \$350,000. The other idea is to scrap the so-called Walker state income tax plan which greatly reduced state income tax payments last year. Still another plan to augment the state highway commission fund, which has dropped off mainly because of gasoline rationing, is to increase auto licenses from the present \$5 to \$10 a year. This increase would give the highway commission about two million more "iron men" each year, say the powers that be. It begins to look like bigger and better taxes are in the offing for citizens of Oregon.

Senate Bill No. 28, the brain child of the state highway commission, known as the "freeways bill," or limited access highways, stirred up a hornet's nest when the joint house and senate committee held a public hearing on the measure a few days ago. The state Grange, numerous small town civic groups, motels, flocks of small town businessmen and farmers who have roadside fruit and vegetable stands appeared before the committee in violent opposition to the bill, which they argued would put them out of business if enacted into law. It was forcibly pointed out by these groups that to give the highway commission such broad powers in acquiring real property for new highways would result in endless expensive litigation "and practically put a lien on every farm along such a highway." Competent observers are firmly of the opinion the bill as now drafted hasn't a Chinaman's chance of passing either house. Ex-Gov. Jay Bowerman, of Portland, one of the many who appeared before the committee in opposition to the bill, did a beautiful job of socking the proposed measure all over the committee room from pillar to post.

The several house bills, now in committee, which ask for retirement fund (pensions to you) for different groups of state employees evidently are headed for trouble, according to gossip around the lobby. Every session of the legislature always has its pension bills and merit system

for state employees to wrestle with. So far this session the Portland firemen have not shown up with a pension bill, which they have always done heretofore only to meet defeat. The only apparent evidence among the lawmakers for bigger and better pensions is for the oldsters (old age assistance), and in all probability a genuine attempt will be made before adjournment to boost the ante now being paid to beneficiaries of old age assistance.

So far, the lawmakers have been able to clean up their calendars in both house and senate and recess early each Friday for the week end. However, from now on it looks like the boys will be on the job Saturdays because of the many committee meetings scheduled to mull over the flocks of bills and listen to arguments pro and con. Last Friday the senate by just a hair line vote escaped a Saturday session. A motion to meet Saturday was lost by a tie vote. Both houses are keeping well abreast of their work so far, but from now on the grind is bound to get tougher.

Views from the press gallery—Three ex-governors look things over . . . Oswald West, Walter Pierce and Jay Bowerman . . . and they know their politics, make no mistake about that . . . Morton Tompkins, big chief of the Grange, hasn't been around for a couple of weeks. . . I wonder why . . . Roy Gossett, of the Portland retail trade bureau, is a busy man around the lobby . . . and so is A. B. Sanders, manager of the Oregon Coast Highway association . . . ditto, Charles Legler, of the Oregon City chamber of commerce; J. W. Davies, Oak Grove Civic club, C. A. Ambrose of the Oregon Auto Court Owners association, and G. A. Giese, secretary of the Motor Court Owners association . . . There goes Louise Palmer Weber again . . . plenty smart politically, and an excellent orator . . . Ray Conway, liquor administrator, very busy pouring words of wisdom (?) into the ears of every lawmaker who will listen . . . Ex-Gov. Sprague pays his first visit to the capitol so far this season.

Events in Oregon

COUNTY RECEIVES STATE WARRANTS

TILLAMOOK — The county treasury is the richer for several contributions which have been sent in this past week by the Secretary of the State Farrell. The first amount \$4580 is the addition apportionment made to this county from the State Highway fund during 1944 gauged on the number of motor vehicles which were registered from the county in 1943; the second sum \$46.24 is Tillamook county's share of 40% apportionment distributed to the counties in the proportion which each county expended for old age assistance and the third amount is \$449, the amount due from the revenues collected from a tax on alcoholic beverages.

SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS INCREASE

HILLSBORO — Gain of 294 in the number of boys and girls in the county between the ages of four and twenty is revealed in the 1944 school census tabulation completed last week by the county school superintendent's office. Total for 1944 is 12,208 as compared with 11,914 in 1943. Increase in the school census has been about 25 percent in the past seven years. Most of this gain has been made in east part of the county.

SALE PROMISES TO BREAK RECORD

MEDFORD — The largest sale of Christmas seals in the history of Jackson county was predicted by the Jackson county health association. Mrs. Ruth E. Bauer, chairman of the 1944 drive, reported receipt of \$4108.96 with Ashland returns yet to be included and a number of donations not yet tabulated.

Of this sum Medford contributed \$2608 and the outlying precincts \$1500.

ARMY NEEDS NURSES

Immediate recruitment of 10,000 nurses for the Army Nurse Corps would not seriously cripple nursing in civilian fields. Nurses are urgently needed in all theaters of operations and in Army hospitals throughout the United States.



What's This Work or Fight? . . .

My last civilian job in 1917 was in a pine sawmill. It was driving a truck-team in the yard. The rounds among the lumber piles were not so different from those I later made in guard duty at Montoir, near St. Mazaire in la belle (oh, yeah?) France. But in the mill yard, if I'd been asked to work two hours on and four off, slog through mud, bow my neck under freezing wind and rain night and day, eat slum, sleep on hay in a barracks about as tight as a picket fence, all for thirty bucks a month, of course I'd have quit. In fact, I quit the teaming job just because it was tiresome.

My work in that mill was as important to the war effort as my later guard duty—probably more so, for the Army needed all the lumber it could get for cantonment construction. But I didn't think much of that in quitting it. If I'd walked off my guard duty among the lumber piles in France, I'd have been shot.

How do we figure such a tremendous difference in the work of war?

Soldiering as a Job . . .

The trouble in getting at the answer is that the question is always put up in terms of difference between civilians at home and the soldiers in the battle lines. That is dramatic, but it raises a false issue. The fact is that most of our men in uniform are working men not fighting men. The plain, simple question is that of the difference between the millions of soldiers and the millions of civilians who are doing practically the same war jobs.

The men of my outfit, the 162 Infantry, wanted to fight for we had been trained for it. So did the men of the 17th Engineers, who were stuck with us in the mudholes and lumber piles of Montoir—they were a com-

bat outfit of the Regular Army.

But the 17th Engineers were kept back at the work of constructing and maintaining a base port because of the skill, training and experience of its men. Green outfits could carry on the simpler stuff of the sappers in the frontline trenches, but not the highly technical jobs of base building.

Orders and Duty . . .

The great majority of the men in the Armed Forces in this war are in service that means monotonous guard duty, or skilled labor, or hard work, dirty work, dull work, or technical tasks that would bring big salaries to the doers if they were civilians. Most of them may never hope for the great adventure of battle action.

Theirs is the duty of the soldier, not the glory. Theirs is soldier's pay. Nothing counts but Orders and Duty.

Mostly, soldiering is a job. Mostly, the jobs of the soldier are pretty much like those of civilians in the war. But outside the work itself, similarity ends.

36 HOSPITAL SHIPS

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Washington Snapshots

Many signs portend a series of clashes between New Dealers and the new Congress . . .

It is appraised, as business-minded. Conservatives will hold key posts. New Deal schemes for more social and economic "reforms" will find tough going . . . New Dealers in the administra-

WHIP LAID FLESH BARE

Midnight hunting in the deepest dungeon, their backs torn by the lashes laid on by the whipping master, Paul and Silas were praying and singing praises unto God and the prisoners were listening to them.

MIRACLES—Suddenly a great earthquake—jailer awakens—sees the cell doors sprung open—thinks prisoners gone and drew out his sword to kill himself. Do thyself no harm, for we are all here, cries Paul. The jailer now calls for a light and comes trembling before Paul and Silas with—

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED? You don't do, Mr. Jailer. God has already done it for you. Our way in this world is DO-DO-DO- and EARN-EARN-EARN. But that is not so with God. He makes us a gift—a free gift.

Out of his love for us he has already done it. God did it—You accept it—That settles it. What did God do for us? He sent his only begotten Son to die for our sins. Down in your heart know your sins are blotted out and ONE-God counts your page cleared of sin and TWO-God writes in his own righteousness and THREE—He inbreathes his Spirit into your soul. He touches your spirit with eternal life.

Stand on it that you sinned and that Christ paid the debt. Yes—Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:31 and grow up in the new life. Obey the BIBLE and look to Christ to see you thru.

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tion nevertheless consider the November election results another mandate for carrying out the President's domestic as well as his foreign policy. Since the nation is "job-minded," adherents of the various brands of New Deal philosophies are concentrating on the President's program for 60,000,000 jobs . . .

Planners will tie their reform proposals to schemes for "aiding" private industry to furnish these jobs. A sort of peacetime War Production Board is being discussed. Some say the OPA might be made a permanent agency . . .

Congressional leaders, on the other hand, are more interested in reducing taxes than in setting up new bureaucracies. Chairman George of the Senate Finance Committee says tax rates on both corporate and individual incomes can be cut if the end of the war in Europe appears in sight this year . . .

Manufacturers of farm machinery hope to turn out equipment sized and priced to attract small farm operators. A house subcommittee was told that such machines would increase farm earnings.

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