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DAIRYMEN LOSE CASE

Doubly interesting to Oregonians who will vote this fall on the oleomargarine bill is the decision of the State District Court of Appeals in California that it is illegal to impose a license fee of \$200 annually on retailers selling oleomargarine. The decision was made regarding a Marin county ordinance.

In making its decision the court held that a county may impose a license tax for regulatory purposes but not for revenue. The \$200 fee was declared to be excessive and prohibitory. Wide interest has been attracted to the test case. The ruling becomes a precedent for other cases in process of litigation and spokesmen for the dairy interests have declared their intentions of carrying the case to the State Supreme court. The outcome, in event it is carried higher up, will be watched with interest by dairymen everywhere.

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OUR BANKS WILL REOPEN

Tuesday, September 27, was a red letter day, most important day of the fall season, throughout the Snake river valley. It brought smiles to gloomy faces. It marked the definite announcement from Boise that the First National Bank of Idaho and its chain of nine affiliated banks will reopen and continue in business. Depositors will get 100 cents on the dollar, even a little more if their money remains on interest.

No report of improving business conditions brought greater satisfaction than the announcement which assured local people that their own savings are secure. The business pendulum will swing with renewed activity. All of those who took part in the reorganization deserve great credit.

Many of our troubles seem to be taking care of themselves. In a few months we may even have laws which protect the depositor. Large banking interests are becoming less hostile to legislation for protection of depositors. The benefit to all banks that will result from preventing loss by depositors overbalances the arguments of some bankers that stronger institutions may be penalized in making good an occasional failure.

From the east comes the bright report that the stock and bond market shows steadiness which is very encouraging. This is perhaps due to the fact that governmental financial agencies are pouring new life blood into the hardened arteries of finance with a wholesome effect all along the line. Financial confidence is coming back and credit is gradually being made available to take care of legitimate needs.

4-H BOYS AND GIRLS HOLD RECORD

Oregon holds a world record few of its citizens are aware of. It has the largest enrollment of 4-H Club boys and girls of any state in the Union in proportion to its population.

The 4-H boys and girls are the world's potential agricultural and homemaking leaders. Standing foremost in educating and preparing its youth for such outstanding and essential life work is a significant record. And the man largely responsible for this is O. M. Plummer, general manager of the Pacific International Livestock exposition and much loved "great grandfather" of the Boys' and Girls' club work in the west.

Out of a Better Baby show started by Mr. Plummer in 1900 the idea of education and help to boys and girls grew into the present enrollment of 20,000 4-H Club members in Oregon alone, and spread into all states of the Pacific Northwest.

Competition is keen and interesting each year at the Pacific International with these clear-eyed, well informed youngsters from all over the west exhibit their livestock and poultry and their best in every art from stock judging and sewing at Penney Hall.

At this year's Exposition, October 15-22, the 4-H Club will have a new feature among their exhibits—a very fine collection of photographs chosen from 40,000 belonging to the United States Department of Agriculture and pertaining especially to the club work of the Pacific Northwest.

Ralph Hill, America's greatest middle distance runner and Oregon's hero in the Olympic races at Los Angeles, used to be a member of the Klamath Falls 4-H club and will be guest of honor at the Pacific International this year in response to a special invitation from President T. B. Wilcox, Jr.

REELECT STEIWER

United States Senator Frederick Steiwer appears in this campaign for reelection as the nominee of the Republican party. Last June the junior Oregon senator submitted his record to the voters at the state primaries. It was approved by one of the largest votes ever given a candidate in this state. Senator Steiwer led the field by 30,000 over his nearest opponent.

Nothing has happened since that time to disturb the confidence of the people in Mr. Steiwer. It is unthinkable that he can be defeated at the coming election by the militant young democratic nominee, whose chief qualifications for the office seems an ability to shout lustily for repeal of the 18th amendment—prohibition.

As a matter of fact the prohibition matter is out of the Oregon picture as an issue. That is true because Senator Steiwer stands pledged to cast his vote and use his influence to have the 18th amendment resubmitted in a constitutional manner so the people of the states can vote on it again. He is in accord with the republican platform and the president on that matter. Therefore no one need worry about that. It will be done by the Republicans.

Senator Steiwer is now in the state and will remain during the campaign. He is doing as he has done before—visiting the various centers of population to ascertain their needs at first hand. He is a young man, filled with energy and has proven his usefulness. The Senator has handled at Washington such matters as post roads, river and harbor improvements, postal buildings, highways and many other individual interests for almost every county in the state. In addition to that record he fought for farm board legislation, for the McNary-Haugen bill, extension of farm credits, enlarged powers to federal land banks, for the tariffs on farm products that saved the home market in the depression, and he supported every measure offered in Congress for the good of his soldier comrades of the World War, and for labor. He is a remarkable record.

It was this record that won for the senator the endorsements of all organized labor in the state; together with the approval of the American Federation of Labor.

It was that record that won for the senator the endorsement of the organized veterans of all wars now living in Oregon.

These things are not forgotten by the people, and will be in their minds when they go to the polls in November.

As the great California senator, Hiram Johnson, said: "Steiwer deserves reelection on his record."

EDITORIAL COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

It's better to lose a deer than to bag a fellow-hunter.

The legionnaires not only voted for immediate payment of the bonus but for larger opportunities in spending it.

Distorted Refund Campaign Issue, Says Chapman

DISTORTED FUNDS

Dear Mr. Chapman: I would very much like to have you explain the so-called "two billion dollar tax refund" made during the time Andrew Mellon was Secretary of the Treasury. I have heard much comment on this and have read a number of articles which severely criticize the Hoover administration.

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The refunds in question were not made during the recent session of Congress. They spread over a period of years, and were of overpayments of high-rate taxes levied during and immediately after the war, taxes levied on war profits, excess profits and other income. The reason for overpayment was that the treasury department interpreted the law against the taxpayers. Many taxpayers paid the full sums demanded, and put in claims for refunds of what they regarded as overpayment. It took many years to adjust most of the large claims. As to some points at issue, the outcome of contest in court had to be awaited.

When it became apparent, under rulings established by court decisions and on appeal, that the refunds of overpayments were likely to aggregate a large sum, Congress decided to have one of its own committees review and audit each refund allowed in a sum in excess of \$75,000. The records in those cases were submitted to the congressional committee, and no refund was made in any of those cases until after the award was approved as a just claim.

Some of these refunds ran into large sums, especially those to U S Steel and other large corporations. Among the large corporations claiming refunds were some in which Andrew Mellon was a share holder. The income was received and the tax overpayments made chiefly in the flush times prior to 1920 and 1921, when Mellon was appointed secretary of the treasury. The Mellon corporations which had overpaid were just as much entitled to refund of overpaid taxes as were U S Steel and other corporations, small and large. The fact that Mellon was serving his country should not have been held against the justness of overpayment claims.

In the review and audit of these awards, Congressman Hawley as chairman of House Ways and Means was required to certify the report of the subcommittee which audited and reviewed in behalf of Congress. Congressman Garner was the ranking democratic member of Ways and Means. All of the subcommittee reviews and reports were available to him as well as to the chairman and other members of the committee, republican and democratic.

So large were the overpayments made by some of these large taxpayers that the awards were of large sums. The committee exercised great caution in

approving these awards, as its members recognized the political dynamite there was in making large tax refunds to large corporations, even though the refunds were for proven overpayments and were proven to be correct.

Congressman Garner was quick to sense the possibility of making partisan political capital out of the large refunds made through the years. He capitalized the amounts of big refunds and the total, and so distorted the facts that corruption was implied.

Further investigations and examination proved that the refunds were of the minimum amounts that had to be allowed under law for tax overpayment; that the treasury department had construed against the taxpayers wherever possible under the law, and that the congressional committee had investigated the awards carefully and thoroughly before certifying their approval. The taxpayers were entitled to refund of overpayment just as you would be if you were to pay in full a demand which you believed to be excessive, making the payment pending determination by court of all points at issue, and then claiming and receiving your refund, with interest, as provided by law and stipulated clearly at the time you made the original payment.

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