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UP TO THE PEOPLE OF OREGON

In the face of warnings by opponents that the sales tax would be voted down at the special election on July 21, the legislature passed the measure urged by Governor Meier. We are inclined to believe that the people will vote it down, that they want no further taxes and if income is not sufficient for operation of the state government they would prefer that government expenditures be curtailed. Duplications in various forms of government were pointed out but even the committees declined to act on such changes.

It will be well for the people to understand just what the sales tax will mean. The bill calls for a 2 per cent tax on gross retail sales and 3-10th of 1 per cent on manufactur-

ers. It is safe to say the tax will be added to the consumer's cost—if he buys in Oregon.

The bill provides for the elimination of the personal property tax, and here are some interesting figures on who pays the personal property tax. The personal property assessment for 1932, payable this year, amounts to \$87,000,000 for the state, of which \$25,000,000 is in Multnomah county. It will raise \$3,500,000. The sales tax bill proposes that after the \$1,500,000 of state taxes is taken out, plus \$500,000 for the veterans' aid commission and \$250,000 for unemployment relief, the balance of the tax collected in 1933 shall be divided one-half for the counties and half for the state. It is estimated the sales tax will raise \$6,000,000, but will the share which goes to the counties offset the loss in personal property taxes? It is doubtful.

A big portion of the benefits from no personal property tax will go to the large centers of population, such as Multnomah county which has nearly one-third of the amount for the whole state. In Portland, ten large stores will be relieved of 4 per cent of the whole amount of the state assessment on personal property. It again looks like big business has had a hand in the pie.

State Grange Master Gill points out a detail of particular interest to farmers. Business men pay \$66,000,000 in personal property taxes, the farmers \$21,000,000. This shows again that the benefits of the sales tax will go to the large centers of population and make the burden harder for those least able to pay—the multitude of consumers.

We believe the people will be wise if they demonstrate that they want no more taxes, least of all a sales tax which adds to the cost of the clothes they must wear and the food they eat.

The new income tax will affect people with incomes in smaller brackets but those fortunates, with any certain income are better able to pay.

WHAT DOES MARCH MEAN TO YOU?

March is more than just another month—it is the dawn of a new season, significant of new life everywhere.

A girl in Yamhill county caught the spirit and beautifully pictured it in her prize-winning March calendar in the Oregon Farmer. To her, March means a robin perched on a limb, tulips in bloom and birds returning from the southland.

Nature is not troubled with problems man brought upon himself but is awakening with all the buoyancy of other March seasons. The first spring rain descended Sunday. The earth is still rich with resources which make it possible for man to live, flourish and prosper. The warm sun will loosen frosted earth and make it productive again. The opportunities of nature have not changed but are as abundant and full of promise as ever.

As we have confidence in nature, so should we have confidence in our country. Our nation is far sounder than in the boom days. Fictitious values have been wiped out and they are down to the bedrock of honest essentials. Men and women have tapped fresh springs of resourcefulness and courage within themselves. We have been purged of much uncertainty and are marching forward on solid ground.

March brings a new season and a new era to America.

LEADER OF HIS FLOCK

Although his career was supposed to have been chosen husbandry, Floyd E. White, former Boise boy, long ago left the care of purebred herds and the farm for directing another kind of a flock, said The Statesman's column "Boise Boys," Sunday. At present Rev. White is pastor of the Methodist Community church in Nyssa and his friends here will agree that Rev. White is making a splendid success in the ministry.

Although he arranged his high school course in Boise with the idea of caring for a herd of 650 thoroughbred cattle for Dr. George Collister of Boise county, public speaking however, interested him immensely and under the instruction of Miss Barnes, the declamatory coach, he developed into a real leader and served as president of the student body in 1915.

"He is needed more with the human herd than with the cows on the farm," said Dr. Collister. And what a need the only pastor in a community of this size fills. He is the father of his flock, the leader who bands together the little children, the young people, grown-ups and grannies in their concerted effort for good works. He is the comforter in time of sorrow. He is God's servant day in and day out.

THE MIGHTY SMILE

What is in a smile, asked B. F. Irvine, editor of the Oregon Journal, while on a recent visit in eastern Oregon.

Although he does not see with his eyes as you and I, he feels the warmth and beauty of a smile. It means you have faith in yourself, in life, in the world and that you love your surroundings. Smiling, singing and fighting will win the race with life.

Of course there are sorrows, heartaches and crimes, but behind every dark cloud there is a silver lining and back of every black storm shines a beautiful sun to warm the earth. There never was a disappointment or calamity or discouragement that did not sometime in some way bring compensation.

God or nature did not make the blunders that caused the depression so it should not take the smile off one single face. We must not forget that this beautiful and delightful world was created for us and made subject to us. Is man worthy?

He's nearer right with the world when he smiles.

EDITORIAL TABLOIDS BY CLARK WOOD

As we view the financial situation, we'd apprehend some difficulty now in getting a loan on a midget golf course.

National wealth control is said to be "slipping into women's hands." Naturally, when their hands are so often slipping into husbands' pockets.

Nature scorns a moratorium, and the upland snows are settling.

For once, the stock that rates highest in public esteem is the kind that can be sold to the butcher.

Around the Country

In the California earthquake Friday, Forrest Brinkerhoff, young switchboard operator at the electric office at Dominguez, stood at his post to throw the switch that would save the lives of many at the cost of his own. His body was found in the building crushed by huge pieces of masonry.

Zangara will go to the electric chair in Florida during the week of March 20, to pay for the murder of Anton Cermak, mayor of Chicago, whom he shot when he fired at President Roosevelt on February 15. Zangara admitted his guilt and expressed no remorse.

The latest freak of nature in southwestern Oregon, purple snow, fell last week at Gold Hill, astonishing residents. A handful of the colored flakes were studied under a microscope and found to be literally alive with tiny purple bugs, resembling beetles.

A country school teacher near Enterprise drives a horse to school and the animal goes home alone; the farmer sends the horse back to the school in the afternoon and the teacher drives it home. This is a trick that the most up-to-the-minute auto will not perform.

Irving Vining of Ashland was reappointed Wednesday to serve another five-year term on the state game commission, his term to expire February 25, 1938.

Receipts from public lands last year were \$4,065,210. The government still retains 173,318,246 acres.

The new administration not only finds the treasury empty but the new chairman of the farm board, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., reports a less serious condition in that the board's wheat bin is also empty.

Representative Eckley of Union and Allen of Wallowa had the house pass a resolution which invited President Roosevelt to spend a month at Wallowa lake, "the Switzerland of America." We would like the new President to see Owyhee dam.

Two young bandits are among the few who failed to observe the present rule against currency withdrawals from banks. They held up the Union State bank, Portland, last week, one covering the cashier while the other "withdrew" \$10,000 in currency. Police found the abandoned bandit car the same afternoon.

That 46 states will ratify the repeal of federal prohibition is the prediction made by the Literary Digest from an analysis of the journal's last country-wide poll.

We presume that patriotic Oregonians will claim that this state's climate is conducive to an extra five years of active life when explaining why the new Oregon old age pension becomes operative at 70 while that of Washington begins at the age of 65.

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salt, 1/4 pound of saltpetre, the same weight of saleratus and a quart of molasses, or two pounds of coarse brown sugar. Mace, cloves and allspice may be added for spiced beef.

Strew some of the salt in the bottom of pickle tub or barrel; then put in a layer of meat, add salt and meat alternately, until all is used, stand one night, dissolve the saleratus and saltpetre in a little warm water, and put it over the molasses or sugar, then put it over the meat. Add water enough to cover the meat. Lay a board on it to keep it under the brine. The meat is fit for use after ten days. This receipt is for winter use. More salt may be used in warm weather.

Towards spring take the brine from the meat, make it boiling hot, skim it clear, and when it is cooled, return it to the meat.

Beef tongues and smoking pieces are fine pickled in this brine. Beef liver put in this brine for ten days and then wiped dry and smoked, is very fine. Cut it in slices and fry or broil it. The briskets of beef, after being corned, may be smoked, and is very fine for boiling.

Lean pieces of beef, cut properly from the hind quarter, are the proper pieces for being smoked. There may be some fine pieces cut from the fore-quarter.

After the beef has been in brine ten day or more wipe it dry and hang in a chimney where wood is burned, or make a smothered fire of sawdust or chips. Keep it smoking for ten days, then rub fine black pepper over every part, to keep the flies from it, and hang in dry, dark, cool place. After a week it is ready for use. A strong, coarse brown paper folded around beef and fastened with paste keeps it nicely. Tongues are smoked in the same

manner. Hang them by a string put through the foot end. Spiced brine for smoked beef or tongues will be generally liked.

For convenience make a pickle as mentioned for beef. Keep in the cellar ready for pickling beef at any time. Beef may remain in three or four or more days.

—Mrs. Frank Leuck.

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