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OUR GRADUATES

In the springtime of the year we are all thrilled at the glorious phenomenon of seeing and feeling an old world made new, but none of us are more thrilled than the graduates who are stepping from the high schools of our land into the larger halls of human endeavor. In tune with spring, these boys and girls greet the future with much the same courage that they enter the race, the debate or mount the stage. Glorious youth, alert and alive, as it was meant to be.

Nyssa high school is graduating its largest class, a fine group of boys and girls, many of them outstanding scholars and outstanding athletes. Their motto is "Sink or Swim," a splendid motto for who would not battle the waves when the shore beckons.

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and often the waves roll high. He must exert himself, he must work just as he labored through frequently tedious and difficult lessons from the grades up. If he has learned the lesson of how to work and enjoy it, the going will be easier. If he has learned the lesson of kindness he will lift a helping hand to the weaker brother who is also toiling along. Therein lies much happiness.

What awaits the swimmer when he reaches the harbor of success? We are told by those whose struggles and toil have guided our own efforts that success is more than riches and fame. We may become a wealthy man, a noted engineer or own a beautiful farm but we may not possess real happiness. That is contentment—the security that comes from the knowledge that we have played the game.

"Swim!" Graduates of 1933. Get into the swim and aim for the port of useful service—and remember working and playing the game is a big part of the fun.

SLASHING EDUCATIONAL COSTS

Welcome tidings to parents all over Oregon are the words of Dr. W. J. Kerr, chancellor of higher education, who stated in a message to the board of education, "We will maintain the high standards of Oregon schools in spite of the necessity to bring expenditures within the income." His message accompanied the new budget for higher education which calls for an outlay of \$2,278,788 in state funds for the coming year. This is a reduction of more than 50 per cent from the boom year of 1920-30 when higher education cost \$4,850,000.

It is apparent that the colleges have taken a big share in the reduction of government costs. Few agencies have pared their costs by fifty per cent and some say the reduction will work a hardship on the educational institutions of the state.

But a message of cheer is Dr. Kerr's statement. Under his guidance higher education will retain its efficiency in spite of greatly reduced income. Staff members have taken on a larger load but they will do all in their power to give Oregon young folks the education they deserve. "In a fine spirit of mutual concern for service to the state and the welfare of its educational system, officers and instructors have met the difficult problems resulting from the emergency. In harmony they will maintain the high standards of Oregon schools," said Dr. Kerr.

Oregon is fortunate in having a board and chancellor who are meeting a trying situation in this spirit.

ABUSING THE RECALL

Of the many bills enacted by the last session of the legislature, one that will meet with the approval of fair-minded people is the statute placing more rigid and severe regulations around the law providing for the recall of public officials. Those who sponsor a recall movement must take a greater responsibility than before.

It had become apparent to most fair-thinking people that under the old, loosely constructed recall statute, an honest public official could be subjected to the harassment of such a proceeding brought by any small group of perhaps disgruntled opponents. The history of the recall in Oregon also indicates that it has been more frequently abused than properly used.

Any public official who has been flagrant in the misuse of his office should be recalled. The people should have that protection. But, fair-minded voters have revolted against the use of the recall for the satisfaction of petty or personal enmity or spite. This protection for the honest official is the obvious purpose of the changes in the recall law.

EDITORIAL TABLOIDS BY CLARK WOOD

While the world contains some pretty fast hombres, Mr. Gandhi is a faster.

"An apple a day keeps the doctor away," runs the orchardist's beguiling lay. But "it makes never mind" to the doctor. He doesn't get paid anyway.

Only death now appears to be certain, when so many people are side-stepping the tax collector.

A lot of us will continue having a difficult time making ends meet as long as we have week-ends that do.

One may no longer swap his dollar for gold, but he still can for other things of infinitely greater worth.

Henry Ford says we are now looking ahead. Its ahead, too, that directs our vision.

German schoolboys gleefully helped the Nazis burn thousands of black-listed books. No doubt they sneaked some school books into the pile.

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Sales Tax Is Double Taxation; Says Committee

Arguments Against Gross Sales Tax

1. It violates the fundamental principle of ability to pay, because it requires the taxpayer to pay a tax regardless of whether he has income or property.

2. It lays heavier burdens upon the necessities than upon the luxuries of life and upon the poor more than the rich.

3. It discourages the development of new and promising industries by taxing them while getting on their feet, even though they are making no profit. A net income would be more favorable to them and later would secure revenue when they are able to pay.

4. A gross sales tax, if heavy enough to yield substantial revenues, is particularly injurious to industries and business with large turnovers sold at narrow profit margin.

5. Its administration brings the problem of trying to fix equitable and proportional rates of taxation between the different classes of business and professions in the same class. For instance, a general rate is usually fixed on several classes of public utilities, but within these classes are often corporations and persons doing business in such a way that the general tax rate is actually penalty. Rates are therefore fixed arbitrarily and necessarily allow some properties to escape their just proportion of taxation.

6. It penalizes a home business man by subjecting his sales to a tax while the out-of-state company, such as the mail order house, would not be taxed.

7. A person with a small income will under a sales tax pay more proportionally than a person with large income. For instance a man who receives \$2500 a year spends most of what he makes, while the man who receives \$1,000,000 a year spends comparatively a small part. It seems more equitable to tax a man on what he receives than spends.

8. When applied to a retail business it is distinctly a nuisance tax.

9. Methods adopted to prevent the pyramiding of a general sales tax complicate the administration, and since net income does not pyramid, it is superior in this respect.

10. Greater difficulty is likely to arise in distinguishing taxable and non-taxable transactions under a general sales tax than under a general income tax.

11. If a general sales tax is enacted by some states and not by others, the practice of bootlegging commodities in the state would become very widespread. This is shown by the present practice of bootlegging motor fuel.

12. The interstate commerce clause and import clause of the federal constitution seriously interferes with the operation of a general sales tax.

—By Ways and Means Committee, Contributed by E. C. Van Petten.

sister to row in a boat to safety across Snake river with her five children. She sought refuge in Gypsum on the Oregon side.

Peggy McMath, 19, was safely returned to her home in Provincetown, Mass., after payment of ransom by her father. Kenneth and Cyril Buck are held for the kidnapping and \$60,000 of the ransom money was found at Kenneth's home.

O. G. Boyd, former sheriff of Canyon County, Ida., has been appointed police chief in Caldwell by the new mayor Emery Vassar.

Karl C. Boehringer, former Parma pioneer, died last Friday in Caldwell. He was buried in the Parma cemetery.

Archie McGill of Portland has the California spirit. He has offered to give 300 flowered Japanese cherry trees to a Salem civic club if they will be planted along the Pacific highway or some other main traveled road. Scenic farms add to the enjoyment of motoring in Malheur county just as they do in California.

Federal aid will continue in the cost of maintaining experiment stations and extension work, advised Senator Stelwer Saturday after a conference with the budget director at Washington. He advised there is no intention of eliminating federal aid.

Anton Vey of Pendleton sold his wool clip Saturday at prices 40 to 50 per cent higher than the prevailing price last year. His clip contained 150,000 pounds.

Otis E. Rover of Ontario has been accepted as the 1933 entry from Malheur county at the citizens' military training camp at Vancouver barracks. He will enter June 23.

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Around the Country

Ernest Torrence, the giant Soet of the screen, died in New York Monday following a gall bladder operation. Before going to Hollywood, Torrence won recognition as a concert pianist, singer and character role portrayer on Broadway.

A murder and suicide occurred near Huntington Sunday night when Jim Willie, 27, shot and killed his brother-in-law Claude Stover, 51, during a drunken brawl, and then turned the gun upon himself. He first warned his

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