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FOR WHOSE RELIEF

Oregon with a sales tax means a state with higher cost of living for every person.

The Malheur County Taxpayers' league has worked out a schedule. It shows what the retailer will pass on to his customers in the way of higher prices for what he sells.

It includes a 2 per cent sales tax, a 3-10 of 1 per cent wholesale tax, a 2-10 of 1 per cent tax on transportation, lights, telephone, stationery, and so forth.

But the sales tax excludes from taxation all such property of the public utilities as "passenger cars, freight cars, refrigeration cars, Pullman cars, street cars, locomotives, warehouse equipment and supplies and electric and other merchandise held for sale or personal use."

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"who does get the benefit of the sales tax? We repeat: it is the railroads and other public utilities, and very large property owners, who get all their personal property exempt from taxation. The benefit of 5 1-2 mills on their state is permitted by law to be added to your bill for use of their service. The individual large real estate owner will find his benefit under the sales tax shifted back onto him to make up the deficit in local taxes occurring on account of personal property being exempted from taxation."

The state tax commission represents that the counties will receive a 50-50 division of the proceeds of the sales tax and thus will more than be compensated for the loss of personal property tax. There must be paid first in 1933, the last half of the state property tax, the veterans' fund, and the fund for relief of the needy. Then the counties will get a 50-50 division of what is left.

The counties will get less than before for schools and administration of government. The people will pay more. The big taxpayers will pay less.—The Journal.

FOR THE GOOD OF NYSSA YOUTHS

There is much to be commended in the efforts of the Nyssa Civic club to provide the young people of the community with a tennis court. Such a playground will give them a recreational outlet which has long been needed here. It will take care of much surplus energy, energy that hardly knows which way to turn.

Much generosity has gone into the building of the new court which is now nearing completion. First, the owners of the lots on which it stands kindly consented to use of the property until such time as it might be sold. With money raised by serving banquets, giving plays and small dues, supplies such as sand, lumber and fencing were purchased. Labor was the most difficult problem but that was answered when federal relief work was confined to hand labor. Men from relief crews were employed on the court. That was a fortunate circumstance and probably had more to do with the actual building of the tennis court than any other detail.

The tennis court is by no means the first project of the civic club which has been conceived for the enjoyment of young people. It is one of many and still others of larger magnitude are planned, such as the swimming pool which involves the expenditure of funds at present beyond the financial budget of the civic club.

Young people are a major project of the civic club.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS BONUS AMENDMENT

The above amendment will appear on the special election ballot July 21. For the information of our readers we are citing from the affirmative argument given in the voters' pamphlet.

The purpose of the bill is to provide that no cash bonuses shall be paid by the state after the adoption of this amendment, and that no veterans' loans shall be made by the state after June 30, 1938. It also authorizes the issuance of refunding bonds for the payment of bonuses and loans already made.

The cash bonus law was passed in 1921 as an emergency measure. Final date for discontinuance of payment was June 30, 1930, but approval by the people for such discontinuance must be given, hence the coming vote. The people must also decide whether or not to wind up the operation of the loan commission. As time goes by, it will probably become necessary for the commission to refund some of the bonds which were issued in order to pay the bonus and give the loans. This amendment is designed to eliminate any technical legal objections to refunding such bonds.

It seems that the state has found itself deeply in debt through the operation of the veterans' bonus and loan commission and that the time for repayment has come. This amendment (1) call a halt to cash bonus payment, (2) to terminating the loan agency "seven years hence," June 30, 1938; and (3) paves the way for repayment of the debt incurred.

HAIL TO A SAFE FOURTH!

Independence Day of old was celebrated with reckless abandon. Hundreds of persons of all ages lost their lives playing with fireworks, guns and explosives. Others were drowned or killed in motor accidents. Now, the Fourth divides catastrophe "honors" with almost any week-end; except by virtue of the ceaseless efforts of safety organizations and accidents and fire prevention workers, it is apt to be a shade safer. This is because people are keyed to its imminent hazards. They are safety conscious.

Last year, on the "morning after," the Associated Press reported 119 motor vehicle deaths, 90 drownings, 10 fire-work fatalities and 26 deaths from other causes—a total of 245. This is disgraceful enough, but superior to the 1931 toll of 354. No one knows the extent of serious or minor injuries, because only a fraction of them is reported. The National Society for the Prevention of Blindness estimates that 50 persons lose completely the sight of one or both eyes and that 500 more suffer minor eye injuries every year. This record is made by fireworks alone.

In recognition of the chief holiday hazards, fireworks, automobiles and swimming, National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters offers the following advice:

If you go off on a motor trip make sure your car is in safe operating condition; drive safely; keep to the right; drive at a reasonable speed; have 500 feet of clear distance ahead before you attempt to pass other cars. Watch out for pedestrians.

If you go swimming—swim in safe places. Things to examine are tides, currents, depths, sunken debris and impurities. Be sure to stay within your own limits. Wait at least two hours after eating, and then take along a friend for safety's sake.

If you must use fireworks—be on the alert every minute. Give yourself plenty of space. Keep them away from inflammable materials. Keep away from smaller children and animals. Cauterize all small cuts and bruises immediately—tetanus poisoning is swift and deadly. Remember all safety rules: and "All hail to a safe Fourth!"

In the old days the saloon was blamed for drunkenness, later it was prohibition and now it will be repeal. We think it's about time to blame the drunks.

Voice of the Press

OVERGROWN SALARIES

Unless high salaries are cut, corporations will not be granted loans, says Jesse Jones, head of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The salary of the president of the United States is only \$75,000 a year, and he has accepted a cut. Members of the cabinet are paid salaries of only \$15,000. And they take a cut.

Some of the corporations that earlier received R. F. C. loans paid salaries ranging to \$100,000 and above. Charles E. Mitchell's salary was \$100,000 a year and after the 1929 stock crash it was made \$200,000. Are the services of corporation officials worth more than those of the president of the nation?

The ruling of the R. F. C. head is sound to the last degree. To keep the government running, the people are taxed to the limit. They are already overburdened by government costs. Why should they be taxed still more to provide R. F. C. funds to help corporations that are paying their officers extravagant and very much unearned salaries.—Ex.

Around the Country

The forest crew at McCa! will improve the forest and lake front. About 400 young men are at work in that vicinity. Public camp grounds will be built at favored spots.

Declaring that taxpayers of Wasco county should have a break, Judge Wilson assessed the cost of a trial in the circuit court to the defendant who was convicted of assault with a deadly weapon.

Only one county in Oregon failed to pay the first half of state tax due in June, that was Jefferson. The second half is due December 1. It was not easy for the counties to pay the state as average delinquency amounts to around 44 per cent or nearly half the levy. Last year delinquency was 38 per cent.

Henry W. Collins has resigned as division manager of the National Grain corporation to accept a similar position with the Pacific Continental Grain company.

Idaho w'l tax home brew malt, the legislature voted, after passing the 3.2 per cent beer bill. The tax is 5 cents a pound on malt sold at retail for home brew.

Clark Gable, movie favorite, caught a salmon near Grants Pass last week and stopped in Portland on his vacation trip. Eight years ago he lived in Portland. He worked in the classified advertising department of The Oregonian and for an oil company.

IN AVIATION SCHOOL

Virgil Holady, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Holady of Nyssa has transferred from the naval school at San Diego to the mechanical department of the aviation school. Virgil was recently home on a furlough. According to Mr. Holady, an enlisted youth must enter the mechanical field of aviation while West Point graduates may become pilots.

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