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## STARTING THE I-O-N

It is gratifying to a large share of the people of Malheur county and eastern Oregon, as well as western Idaho, to know that the Oregon highway commission has appropriated \$50,000 of federal money to building the McDermitt-Rome link of the I-O-N highway. For a long time, it seemed that the needed cut-off would receive no recognition from the commission but with the backing of the Malheur county court, efforts were finally successful.

We can exult that a start will be made for once a road is started, it is sure to be finished. We hope it is finished by the time the vast acreage under the Owyhee project comes into productivity as the I-O-N is a direct road to our best market. We must cultivate all markets.

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has found. With our own county court such men as Congress Walter Pierce, W. R. May of the Portland Chamber of Commerce and more recently Nevada's delegation Senator McCarren, R. C. Stitzer of Winnemucca and Sam Durkee, Nevada highway engineer, have appealed to the Oregon highway commission and the federal bureau of roads for the connection from Nyssa to McDermitt.

"We are anxious for the road," said the Nevada delegation, "As we need produce of the Snake river valley."

## DO YOU WANT TO PAY MORE TAXES?

Those who favor the passage of the sales tax July 21, call it a substitute tax to relieve real property but is it that or just another tax.

Absolutely the only real property tax which the sales tax even proposes to relieve is the state tax, levied for the sole use of the state government. It is about one-ninth of the total real property tax. We venture to say it will cost the average man far more to pay a tax on everything he buys, eats, wears or uses, than to pay his present state tax. However, it probably will relieve the individuals, large mercantile establishments and corporations that pay heavy personal property taxes as the measure will remove the personal property tax.

Supporters of the sales tax say it will raise six million a year, maybe more. It seems plain that the sales tax is really intended to produce more money to spend—so that economy in state government will not be necessary.

The tax commission favors the sales tax but let us take a look at the commission. Prior to 1909 the state had no tax commission. It got along very well without one as the board of control was the tax bureau. Much of the time since there was but one tax commissioner. According to records he succeeded admirably with the duties.

In 1929 the state legislature, ever mindful of its friends, ordered three tax commissioners put on the state payroll. They each receive a salary of \$4800 a year. The salary item alone, to say nothing of office help and costs, is \$14,400, says The Oregon Journal.

At the last session when state economy was suggested, Senator Burke of Yamhill proposed to reduce the tax commission to one. He argues that if excess commissioners and useless members of board and unnecessary officials were abolished the state could quickly cut off taxes instead of adding new ones. The legislature didn't act. Now, it is up to the people.

Vote against new taxes—vote against a sales tax.

## REPEAL MEASURE IS PUZZLE

It is too bad the repeal issue in the election July 21, could not have been submitted in such a way that the average citizen could vote without puzzling a bit. Why cannot such issues appear on the ballot in plain, simple terms such as "For Repeal of the 18th Amendment," and "Against Repeal," instead of the present method of forcing a man to vote for a proposed amendment in order to register his vote against another amendment, and vice versa?

Undoubtedly, the first measure on the coming ballot will confuse many voters.

To make it simple, vote 300 X Yes, in favor of the adoption of the article of amendment which repeals the 18th article of amendment—IF YOU FAVOR REPEAL.

Vote 301 X No, against the new article of amendment, if you favor RETENTION of the 18th amendment.

The article of amendment, section 1, which the voter will favor or reject, provides in simple terms: "The 18th article of amendment to the constitution of the United States hereby is repealed." That should guide the vote when he marks below, "Yes I vote for the proposed amendment (favor repeal)," or "No, I vote against the proposed amendment repealing the 18th amendment."

After a little study, the ballot is further clarified by glancing over the statements of candidates for the repeal convention. For instance J. R. Blackaby and C. L. McCoy, candidates for repeal, state: "I personally favor the adoption of the proposed article of amendment." P. M. Boals and D. C. Deming, candidates on the dry ticket, state: "I personally oppose the adoption of the proposed article of amendment."

The measure for repeal of the state prohibition law is clear and to the point.

## COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

John D. Rockefeller may be rich but who would change places with him? Saturday he celebrated his 94th birthday.

While one American is preparing to ascend into the stratosphere another is arranging to descend 300 feet under the sea. One can always find a job by searching high and low for it.

With a population of about 41 persons to the square mile, this country would get along fine if all were as square as the mile.

We think so much of Uncle Sam's securities that but for one unsurmountable reason we'd buy his entire forthcoming issue of three billion dollars.

# Attention!

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## THE ELECTRIC SHOP

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## Voice of the Press

### THE TOLL OF MURDER

A cold-blooded murder was that of Barrell M. Baucum, state police patrolman, who lost his life in pursuit of his duty at Sexton mountain, near Grants Pass Saturday. Fortunately his killers were captured within two hours. They turned out to be John Barrier, 17, and Henry Bowles, 21, who were escaping north from Los Angeles with a stolen car. Each youth was armed.

Now arises the question of punishment for these young bandits. The facts and the law are plain: Both the actual killer of Baucum, young Barrier and his partner, Bowles, are subject to first-degree murder convictions and to death by hanging. The manner in which Baucum, a trusted, courageous policeman, was killed offers no extenuating circumstances. The youths had so hidden their weapons, Baucum failed to find them in his search. The young men attacked him after ample opportunity to surrender and Barrier, news reports state, twice shot Baucum in the head after first wounding him.

There will be much maudlin sympathy for the youths, and it will increase as time interposes its anaesthetic to public indignation. But they should not be spared. Sooner or later every state in this nation must make up its mind who is to rule: Young murderers with concealed, death-bringing weapons, or sacrificing officers who do their duty. The state police for two years have protected the lives and property of Oregon citizens as has no other law-enforcement body. When one of their numbers is needlessly sacrificed to banditry, the law should retaliate, swiftly, relentlessly, with the salutary effects which immediate punishment of criminals always brings—Salem Statesman.

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CALDWELL DAILY

Last Thursday The Caldwell News-Tribune began the publication of a daily newspaper, the daily succeeding a semi-weekly. The new paper will consist of a minimum of six pages with full Associated Press wire service, new features and news of Caldwell and the Snake river valley.

Caldwell is indeed fortunate in gaining a daily paper as it will be placed on an equal footing in the newspaper field with Nampa, Boise, Pocatello and other Idaho cities of similar size. Business men have sponsored the undertaking by pledging a substantial increase in advertising, the life blood of newspapers, large and small.

If every issue looks as fine as the initial publication of Thursday, we predict the Caldwell daily will be a great success. May every success attend the efforts of F. H. Michaeson and Aden Hyde, the publishers.

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United States Bonds	253,400.00
City of Ontario Bonds	74,265.00
Other Municipal Bonds	23,690.00
Warrants	17,987.75
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	2,700.00
Redemption Fund with United States	
Treasurer	3,000.00
Banking House	22,500.00
Furniture and Fixtures	2,500.00
Cash on hand and due from banks	254,582.98
Total	\$838,067.13

### LIABILITIES

Capital	\$ 60,000.00
Surplus	20,000.00
Undivided Profits	12,329.50
Deposits	685,737.63
Circulation	60,000.00
Total	\$838,067.13

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