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FOR OR AGAINST?

Most granges of the state are opposed to the sales tax but the battle goes merrily on with the sales tax league quite frequently playing up the vote of a grange or two (most of them near college towns) that endorses the measure.

Another significant method of attack is the attempt to tear down the arguments advanced by the grange in opposition to the proposed new tax. The fact is the "pros" are working hard with pick and shovel. New revenue is sweet music to their ears, but they think little of ability to pay.

Whatever gain is made at the election this May over the four to one defeat of the tax at the special election last July will not be counted on merit basis. Rather, it will measure the success or failure of the higher state politicians who are using many methods to gain votes. The battle goes merrily on.

HIGHWAYS BEAUTIFUL

Do you know that the state federal emergency relief committee has decided upon the beautification of Oregon highways for the expenditure of federal money which will

bring relief to unemployed men under the new FERA program? A splendid plan it is.

Property owners will be asked to help along the most scenic roadways of the state by donating parcels of land where natural beauty can be retained and enhanced. There is no money available for purchase of these tracts but no doubt public-spirited citizens will be glad to turn over sufficient strips in sections where the landscape is visible from the highway. This will make it possible to line the road with beautiful parkway in many places.

More trees are the need in this section of the state. Several years ago the state highway commission planted a number on the Ontario-Vale road and many of them have survived. Trees and trees could be planted along the main roads in Malheur county and what a difference they would make in the roadway. Farmers could cooperate by taking care of them. It is a suggestion in which all of us should be interested.

The Oregon highway beautification program is in line with programs which have been carried out extensively in the east.

EASTER ON APRIL 1ST

This year Young America has a real problem on its hands. For Easter comes on April 1 and, as everybody knows, April 1 is April Fools' day.

Shall the solemn significance of Easter Sunday as a religious festival prevail during the day, the beauty of its symbolism unmarred by any shouts of "April fool!"? Or shall the youngsters exercise their right to "spoon" each other and their elders on this day which is dedicated to the practical joker? Truly, it is a "perplexing problem of conduct" and one wonders how they will solve it to the satisfaction of both themselves and their elders.

Fortunately, perhaps, such a situation doesn't arise very often. The rules by which the date of Easter Sunday is fixed allow this to happen only about every 11 years.

Although Easter Sunday and April Fools' day seem inconsistent, so far as the essential spirit of each is concerned, it is interesting to note that, historically, they trace back to similar origins—religious festivals among the ancients celebrating the coming of spring. Although we moderns have changed the form and the meaning of these festivals, we have retained some of the very same symbols which these ancients used.

The celebration of April Fools' day is usually traced back to the day when the Persian New Year began. The sun was then entering into the sign of the frisky and playful Aries, a time for a general holiday and many jests.

Some say we get the name of Easter from the Teutonic goddess, Eostre who was worshipped in the spring, although others claim that it is derived from the word "east," one of the four cardinal points. It is also the cardinal point which has always been most important in all creeds. This is because it is the part of the heavens where the sun is seen to rise—the sun, bringer of light and heat, the very giver of life itself.

In our churches the Easter festival celebrates the Resurrection. Here in Nyssa we are invited to join in this happiest of services by attending the Easter pageant to be given by the Episcopal and Community Churches.

EDITORIAL COMMENTS BY CLARK WOOD

Our clouded idea of legal tender is that when you haven't any it's tough.

In the country the most popular streamline is still the line with which you whip the trout stream.

Spinsters are said to excel as car drivers, perhaps for the reason that they have a single objective.

All that some folks save for a rainy day is a borrowed umbrella.

"Easter is that season when women dress up so they can start undressing for the summer," says the Jacksonville Miner.

While the "doubting Thomas" is down in the mouth, bonds are up in the market.

We like the \$ in front of the \$67,000,000 increase in weekly payrolls. It's a good sign.

"Lindbergh Gives Dern Data." After which he didn't give a dern about helping with the government airmail program.

Warning!

Notice is hereby given to the property owners of the City of Nyssa that lots, alleys and trash must be cleaned up. If premises are not properly cleaned up, the city will proceed to have them cleaned and the expense will be charged to the occupants.

You are further notified that the city marshal has been instructed to enforce the city ordinance—

prohibiting the keeping of pigs within the city limits and also to see that cow pens and alleys are kept clean. Chickens must not be allowed to run at large. Violations of this ordinance may be reported to the city marshal.

This notice approved and published by order of the City Council.

A. R. Millar, City Recorder.

Around the Country

Oregon stockmen won their plea that the federal relief administration buy Oregon meats instead of canned products from all parts of the country for CCC and relief needs. Harry Hopkins announced Monday that local products will be given the preference.

The Portland Rose was derailed near Rawlins, Wyo., Friday night but no one was injured. Railroad officials report the finding of a loose rail and crowbar which indicates a deliberate attempt may have been made to wreck the train.

James Barnes of Albion, Neb., ordered a baby mattress. The store made a mistake and sent two—or was it a mistake for twins were born to the Barnes Sunday.

The nudists are coming to Oregon. M. Edwards is making arrangements to open a colony at Brighton, Tillamook county on June 1. Two nudist colonies previously were organized in Oregon but neither survived the winter.

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Harry Fairman, 68, rancher at Riverside for many years, died last Sunday in Ontario after a long illness. Funeral services were held with the Rev. S. P. Hagler officiating. Interment was made in the Ontario cemetery.

A native of London, England, Mr. Fairman came to Malheur county in 1887 with J. D. Fairman, former county commissioner. In 1901 he was married to Miss Leah Fairman. He was well known and many friends will miss his cheerful smile. Surviving are his widow and two brothers, J. D. who lives near Ontario and Charles Fairman of London.

The cautious business man will not accept a deed, mortgage or contract on real estate, unless accompanied by an abstract showing clear title. Should you be any less careful? adv.

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