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We have just completed a map of Malheur County and the entire Vale Land District. Besides being a complete county map this shows just what lands are included in the Vale Land District, and, best of all, shows in detail all the Stock Driveways designed by the Sec'y. of the Interior. An introduction to this map we are making a special price of \$5.00 for blue line white prints. Special features, such as indicating certain tracts of land, will be added at reasonable rates.

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THE MILLAGE TAX

The citizens of Malheur county are directly affected by the higher educational crisis. With more than 80 students now enrolled at O. A. C. in Malheur county going to be content with a lower standard of education to fit her sons and daughters for trained leadership than is now being offered at her state institutions? Is a county which is now coming into its own going to allow a condition to prevail which will actually make it impossible to admit scores of ambitious young people who desire to enroll this fall?

Unless the crisis now confronting the Oregon Agricultural college, the University of Oregon and the State Normal is met by the assistance of Malheur county May 21, the present high standard cannot be maintained. What is more, the doors will be closed to 1000 students in the fall of 1920 alone, and those admitted will get anything but a satisfactory education. The millage income of the college and the university has increased but 3.8 per cent since the passage of the millage tax in 1913, while the number of students has increased 150 per cent. Cost of maintenance brought about by war conditions and increased enrollment advanced with leaps and bounds. Class, office and laboratory facilities have become entirely inadequate. The crisis is actually here.

Malheur county made an enviable record in going over the top in the great World War drives. So did the state of Oregon. It has been said that this showing was the result of the high standard of citizenship brought about by her school system. One person out of every 150 in the state attends the college or the university. Registration for the school year up to the close of the winter term was 3378 at the college and 1745 at the university, or a total of 5123. Desire for technical training has been so great in fact, as to place the college second in point of attendance among the land grant colleges of the country.

The state schools need more money to meet the advanced costs for general maintenance, for new buildings and equipment to take care of increased enrollment, and for salaries. More than 150 staff members have resigned in the last 18 months, or an average of one every 3 1-2 days. Many who have said they could not afford to teach under existing conditions have gone into commercial fields, while a larger number have accepted positions in other colleges at a material advance in pay. Some who have received flattering offers to go elsewhere, however, have remained through loyalty or because of their interest in their work.

Malheur county citizens who believe that the best crop produced in the county is, after all, their sons and daughters, and who have their own welfare at heart together with the best interests of the state will not fail to vote May 21 for the Higher Educational Tax Act.

CANDY VS. LIQUOR.

Heavy consumption of candy has followed the enforcement of prohibition in Alaska, as it has in all places where liquor is abolished. Recently the Alaska Engineering commission, which has charge of the construction of the government railroad in the far north, advertised for bids in furnishing 1,000 pounds of caramels and hundreds of boxes of bar candy and chewing gum, which will be taken north for the men who are working on the line.

Candy is at the present time classed as a luxury—like many other things that are necessities to a greater or lesser degree—and pays a special tax in excise duties. Why this is done, is a debatable question, and is as hard to answer as why it is that with wool at about fifty cents a pound raw, or about \$1.00 a pound carded and ready to be put in the textile machines and with approximately four pounds in a suit of men's clothing, that suit should cost from \$60 to \$100.

No better illustration is needed than the above, although there are many that may be cited to show the inequality of legislation passed under the stress of war conditions, but now that the war is passed our laws that were made and adopted for winning the war and our taxation laws especially, should be revised so that taxes will be lightened on some of the commodities. Candy is only used here as an illustration and the excise tax thereon may be justifiable, but the taxes we are now paying on many other articles, especially the necessities of life, seem to be out of place in a prosperous country and some of them are one of the causes of the present high cost of living.

NO TAX INCREASE.

No direct property tax whatever is required for the state highway bonds to be issued under the constitutional amendment to be voted upon at the election May 21. The measure is for increasing the state bond limit from 2 per cent to 4 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property within the state, thus making it possible to issue sufficient bonds to complete the main state highways.

Principal and interest for these bonds are financed entirely by the auto license fees and gasoline tax, without any necessity for increasing either the license fee or the tax above the rates now being paid. At present rates, figuring only a small increase in the number of autos for the next few years, the revenue from these sources will not only take care of interest and principal of all bonds that can be issued under the 4 per cent limit, but will leave an annual surplus to be expended for other state highway purposes. No direct tax on property is required, and no increase either in auto license fees or gas tax.

A tabulation, showing these revenues and the payments on interest and principal, has been issued officially by the state legislative committee and published in the official state pamphlet now being mailed to all registered voters.

TEN COMMANDMENTS.

- 1.—Thou shalt have no other speech than English, for English is the speech of thy land.
- 2.—Thou shalt not make any imitation of English by the use of slang, nor the likeness of any words by the use of foreign terms.
- 3.—Thou shalt not take the words of our language in vain, for each word must have a definite use in the sentence.
- 4.—Thou shalt keep this week for the improvement of speech. Each day shalt thou labor to form habits of good speech and on all following days employ the habits thou hast learned.
- 5.—Honor thy mother tongue that it may go well with the land where the English is spoken.
- 6.—Thou shalt not "murder" the English language.
- 7.—Thou shalt not commit errors in thy speech.
- 8.—Thou shalt not steal phrases from foreign tongues.
- 9.—Thou shalt not bear false witness nor make false statements thru ignorance of the right word.
- 10.—Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's thoughts, nor his speech, nor his reputation for knowledge; for all these things canst thou have for thyself thru cultivation of good English.—Bend, Oregon Bulletin.

BUILDING BOOMS IN EAST.

Robert B. Allen, secretary of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, reports that extensive building operations are planned in New York, Chicago, Boston and other eastern cities. Mr. Allen, who has been studying conditions in the east, says that money for housing and building improvements is offered freely by big financial institutions but that the banks display no sympathy toward prospective borrowers for speculative purposes. Housing the people is not a speculation, it is a necessity and lack of proper housing facilities is becoming more acute in all sections. From the smallest town to the largest city there is a demand for houses and more houses.

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