

BAKER WOMAN DIES IN BERLIN

BAKER, Oct. 30.—Relatives of Mrs. Barbara Kide yesterday morning received a message from Berlin, Germany, announcing the death of the former Baker young woman, Mrs. Kide, who spent most of her life in Baker, died of apoplexy. The sad news is a great shock to her many friends and relatives, as Mrs. Kide had always enjoyed the best of health.

Mrs. Kide is better known in Baker as Mrs. Barbara Swinger, daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Charles Swinger, of 214 Colorado street. She married E. X. A. Kide, who holds a prominent position with the U. S. government. The first part of last July Mr. and Mrs. Kide and Mrs. Swinger sailed for Germany.

The deceased was about 26 years old and is survived by her parents; a brother, Fred Swinger, of Salt Lake City, but who is now in Boise; a half sister, Mrs. K. J. Taylor of Baker, and three half-brothers, Jack Hunt, of La Grande, and Will Hunt and Dave Hunt, of Baker.

LOSTINE NEWS OF INTEREST

(Special to The Observer)
LOSTINE, Oct. 30.—Mrs. and Mrs. E. G. Swann and children went to La Grande Sunday in their car, returning that evening before nine o'clock. Mrs. Swann is taking eye treatments from Dr. Haney.

Mr. and Mrs. Swart and children were La Grande visitors, Sunday, October 15. Mr. Swart is our new telegraph operator and ticket agent at Lostine Depot, where the telegraph key was installed this fall.

Heather Ross, now out of training, again this week on the slope west of town, and they are also collecting lumber in town.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Downs, of Downsville, who have been visiting Mr. Downes' sister, Mrs. David Harris, have returned home. Mrs. Downs was having some dental work done while here.

Henry Downs, who has been brooding sheep in the mountains this summer for Harri Bros., is visiting relatives in Lostine the past week.

J. P. Gillespie, one of our local dairy men, has gone into partnership with another man in a Wallowa meat market. This other partner will run the shop and Mr. Gillespie sees to the buying and butchering of the animals. He has not yet decided to leave his dairy home just west of town. Mr. Gillespie used to be in the meat market business in Lostine before he became a farmer.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Van Pelt, accompanied by W. F. Shields to Enterprise last Friday.

Chris Johnson was an Enterprise

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business visitor last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Page attended the funeral of Delbert Greer at Wallawa on Wednesday of last week and they were also Enterprise visitors on Saturday.

Ofc. Lorrain and Dean Crow returned the last of the week from a trip to the Lake basin in the mountains.

LAND QUALITY IS HIGHLY PRAISED

BAKER, Oct. 30.—Charles P. Ross, of the traffic department of the Union Pacific system, with headquarters in Omaha, Neb., was a visitor in Baker yesterday gathering information relative to the Powder River irrigation project. Mr. Ross' duties have to do with new industries and he expressed himself, following a visit to the land to be covered by the proposed project as being very favorably impressed with the quality of the land to be served. He took his departure last evening for the Warm Springs project.

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The Man and The Issue

How Your Taxes Can Be Reduced

When I am governor I promise to advocate and demand economy in every department of state government, so that taxes will be reduced to the lowest possible point consistent with good government. To this end I will use the veto unsparingly.

One great difficulty today is that one-half the property of Oregon is exempt from taxation. The timber in the forest reserves being a conspicuous example. The only income from the reserves is the rentals from stockings for grazing, of which six per cent goes into the federal treasury. I hold that, since no tax is derived from this vast body of timber, the rentals from grazing privileges in the forest reserves should go into the treasury of Oregon to compensate for the vast body of taxable property held by the federal government out of taxation. As governor I would use the prestige of the office in a movement with other governors and delegations in congress to bring this about. This change would produce about \$25,000,000 a year new revenue, thereby insuring to that amount the burden of property now taxed.

FOR SEVERANCE TAX

Practically one-third of the standing timber in the state of Oregon is in the forest reserves and pays no tax. Under the present law, this timber will be cut off, leaving thinned stumps of in-taxable property, and be shipped out of Oregon without paying a dollar of tax to the state. Not only is Oregon being made poorer by the removal of this timber, but the natural beauty and scenery of the state is being marred. A severance tax collected on this timber as it is cut and shipped would be a large source of revenue. A big body of such timber is now contracted by the federal government to people from distant states, and it will be removed without paying any tax unless a severance tax is at once imposed. As governor I would do all in my power to levy such a tax on all timber taken from the forest reserves.

While one-half of the property of Oregon is exempt from taxation, much of the other half is paying little or no tax because it is invested in shares of stock, bonds and property hidden away from the assessors. This leaves but a part of the taxable property to bear the entire cost of government. This property which bears the terrific burden consists of farms, cattle, horses, city buildings and homes.

DIRECT TAX HIGH

In 1921 there was raised by direct taxation in this state \$9,932,105, an average of about 2 1/2 mills on the property taxed. This is the highest direct property tax levied in the United States for state purposes. It constitutes nearly one-half of most of the farmers' taxes, and in the city it often means one-fourth of the entire tax.

In Minnesota in 1920, the direct property tax for state purposes was \$1,667,425, which is about one-sixth of what Oregon property owners were called upon to pay for state purposes, and yet the assessed value of taxable property in Minnesota is two and a half times that of Oregon. Minnesota raised the balance of her state revenue from indirect sources, viz.: A 5 per cent gross earnings tax from public service corporations and a 25 cents per ton tax upon iron ore mined in the state.

California in 1921 raised \$22,748,354 for state purposes. This money was all raised from indirect sources, viz.: From fees and from a gross earnings tax upon public service corporations. Farmers and property owners in California were not called upon to pay direct any of this \$22,748,354.

Wisconsin in 1921 raised by direct taxation only \$7,301,454 for state purposes, and yet the assessed value of taxable property in Wisconsin is four times that of Oregon. The balance of her state expenses was raised by fees and by taxes on net incomes.

In Oregon we can relieve the property owners by collecting a large part of the cost of state government from similar sources, viz: (1) a tax on net incomes; (2) a severance tax; (3) a tax on gross earnings of public service corporations. I favor such a program in this state under the guarantee that any tax levied from new sources shall not be used for increased expenditures, but to take some of the burden off those now bearing more than their just share of taxation.

The practices of public utilities became so intolerable that these utilities have to be regulated. A costly public service commission has to be maintained for that purpose. Since the commission has to be maintained for the regulation of the public service corporations, these corporations should themselves be required to pay the expenses of the commission, without burdening farmers, home owners, business and other enterprises with that expense. Such a plan would save the taxpayers approximately \$100,000 a year, and I favor it.

Oregon is, per capita, the heaviest bonded state in the Union. We are in the midst of a wild orgy of bond issues. The thought seems to be that we can go on issuing bonds regardless of a paying to come later. There is a possibility of having to levy a further property tax to meet accruing interest on these enormous bond issues. A bill should be called in the legislature over our state of these obligations on the property and toll of ourselves and our children, and the state be returned to a policy of sound and stable finance. I stand pledged to such a policy.

FOR CONSOLIDATION

One of the first things I propose to do as governor will be to employ every power of the office to consolidate the boards, bureaus, commissions and committees that interfere with each other because there are so many of them. Their work

overlaps and duplicates. There are too many organizations drawing salaries and fees for doing little or no work. Fewer boards fewer officials and more work by these boards and officials is the crying need of the state of Oregon. I pledge myself to the work of correcting this conspicuous waste of the state's money.

FAVORS SIMPLIFIED GOVERNMENT

Other states have systematized and simplified government by applying to public business the same rules of efficiency and economy used in private business. It has not been done in Oregon because politicians, payroll functionaries and bureaucrats have combined to obstruct the cutting away of salaries and sinecures. I stand pledged to a policy of simplified government economically administered.

We can dispense with many automobiles now operating at state expense. The use of state-owned automobiles by officers and state employees is subject to gross abuse, as every taxpayer knows, and this vicious practice must be abolished. Every man on the state payroll should actually work, and every man drawing a salary without earning it should be fired.

It is commonly reported and widely believed that too small a percentage of the money provided for highways goes into actual construction of roads. For example, Mr. Jay Bowerman was on the payroll as adviser for the highway commission, when it is the business and duty of the attorney general to act as counsel for that body. This is waste of highway money. There is general dissatisfaction with the engineering and other overhead cost, which runs into very large amounts. Statements are broadly made that narrower roads in Oregon are costing more per mile than wider roads in some other states. There have been instances in which costly highways have had to be rebuilt within a year or two. Road building in Oregon has been a vast and expensive enterprise, in which there should be no excessive wastes. I have faith in the gentlemen serving as highway commissioners, but held that there should be a very thorough investigation of the operations of the men and some of the contractors working under them, to the end that excesses may be wiped off, all leaks stopped and a dollar's worth of road be built for every dollar of public money spent.

Mr. Jay Bowerman is attorney for the state banking department in several cases now pending in the courts of Oregon. It is the business and the duty of the attorney general to act in that capacity. As governor and a member of the state banking board I would insist that the attorney general and his deputies attend to the legal business of the state banking department.

When governor I shall be governor for everybody. I have promised nothing to anybody, and am free to use the appointing power without dictation. My administration will not be wholly a man's government, but a government of, by and for men and women.

FREE USE OF VETO

As governor I shall demand of the legislature that every appropriation bill shall be itemized, and I shall veto every appropriation bill that is not so itemized. In addition to that, I shall veto every unnecessary, useless or questionable item in every appropriation bill passed by the legislature.

I shall exercise my prerogative to call to the attention of the legislature and suggest to it the enactment of such laws as will reduce the expenses of government to the minimum and equalize the burden of taxation, so that all property shall bear its just burden.

I can and will point the way for relief. I know the majority of the next legislature, coming from this burdened people, will feel as I feel—that THERE MUST BE RELIEF. It is not a question of party politics but a vital question of property rights, prosperity and the welfare and happiness of the people.

Voters of Oregon, the issue has crystallized around this theme of taxation. High taxes are bad advertising. High taxes are keeping new-comers and new capital out of the state and driving old settlers away. Business is being discouraged, progress is being halted. Taxation is the weight that is dragging us down. TAXATION DOMINANT ISSUE

Our friends who are now in control of the state and legislature confirm that they are the help to supply a remedy. They are trying to confuse voters by rejecting personalities and by throwing mud. They are making frantic appeals to party loyalty, thus proposing to leave the people with the same oppressive burdens of taxation piled on their backs. They are garbling my speeches, and putting words in my mouth that I never uttered. They are trying to divert me from my fight for lower taxes. They are in a bad plight because, under their administration, they have created a situation from which every taxpayer is crying aloud for release.

I refuse to budge one inch from this matter of taxation. It is the dominant issue. For more than 20 years I have talked and worked for lower taxes, and this will continue to be the first theme in my thoughts.

Taxes are and must be equalized and reduced, and I have had pointed out some of the ways the thing can be done.

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