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PROPHETIC TEACHING—There came many a Paul into his lodging to whom he expounded and testified the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus, both out of the law of Moses, and out of the prophets, from morning till evening—Acts 18:23.

When you think of all the mistakes you and everybody else has made in twelve months, you wonder why only one day is set aside on the calendar as All Fools Day.

Aside from one or two pet hobbies of doubtful value, all candidates for governor might well announce a consolidated platform. They say just about the same ridiculous things in about the same sing-song way. What each of them really means is that he will, if elected, be the best governor he knows how to be. Perhaps some candidate will be smart enough to run on a simple platform of that variety some day.

Florists believe in practicing what they preach—and they did it in La Grande very beautifully on Saturday. Mayors, newspaper editors and hospitalists throughout the country were favored with lovely bouquets to bring attention to the opening of the national flower show in Minneapolis, sponsored by 5000 florists members of their telegraph delivery association. They did it, we assume, to secure publicity for flowers, so here's some publicity—most willingly. Even hard-boiled newspaper editors cannot resist the beauty of such lovely spring blossoms nor their intoxicating fragrance. If this sending of flowers to editors is an old Spanish custom, we hereby go on record in favor of its being made an old American custom as rapidly as possible.

STABILIZING TAXES

For the first time since 1922, according to compilations published in the Oregon Voter, taxes for county and local purposes in Oregon are less than in the preceding year. Since 1920, the beginning of the post-war period, they have a little more than doubled, and since 1915 they have not quite tripled. This, which is about on a par with federal increases, is for total collected for county and local purposes, not the rate, and is due somewhat to increases in population and taxable wealth. Commenting on the possibility of this decrease being indicative of the future, the Voter says:

We have reached the peak on new bond issues, which are actually declining in annual volume, and heavy liquidation of older issues is taking place. Public schools have reached what looks like a saturation point in absorption of population of high school age into high schools. Approximately 60% of that population is enrolled, as against only 10% some 20 years ago. The increase in high school attendance has been the major factor in forcing increase in public school taxes. The curve flattened out when the 60% point was reached, and there it has remained during the last few years. Unless there is a radical change from the present attitude of parents and youth towards high school education, it is reasonable to expect the public school costs may be regarded as fairly well stabilized.

Locally that analysis will apply for the time being, but La Grande is due to meet the demands of growth and to pay for them, just as other growing communities must do. We are getting ahead, increasing our community assets consistently, but if growth continues as everyone hopes it will, we will soon be up against the necessity for more expenditure.

School enrollment has grown by leaps and bounds and if even normal increases continue, a new school building is absolutely essential. Conditions now are far too crowded for the good of the children.

Then it won't be long until the cost of a storm sewer will be a serious question. It is already serious, for that matter, but the improvement will be delayed just as long as property owners will suffer under bad flood conditions and just as long as no more paving is required. When the town adds paving, it adds new storm waters to clog the existing and inadequate sewage system—and a limit will be reached one of these years.

As far as water supply and sewage disposal facilities are concerned, the city is ideally equipped. A third well may be necessary in a year or two but it will be inexpensive and can be secured out of increased water revenues, in all probability. Fire and police protection facilities are also adequate. No increase in expenditure there should be necessary for several years.

General improvement bonds are being retired. Interest charges are being reduced. No levy increases will be necessary for several years unless growth is more than normal. But a new school is certain to come. And a storm sewer will follow before many years. Taxes may be stabilized for the time being. The rate of levy may well be established more or less permanently. But added revenue will be necessary in direct proportion to the growth of the community. If we continue to have more people, the community will continue to require more money to care for them.

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Robert Crouter has been promoted from his position in the Eastern Oregon Light and Power office here to a similar position in La Grande. He will begin his new work the first of the month and his place here will be filled by Donald Lamb.

Mrs. Mark Christland and little daughter returned Friday evening from Lodi where they have spent the past three weeks.

Mrs. R. H. Dunnington visited at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Crouter one day this week while en route from Ogdenville to Orling, Wash. to join her husband. She had been visiting her sister, Eleanor Crouter, who teaches in Ogdenville.

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Receipts of eggs continue liberal, with the surplus going into storage. Prices were barely steady.

The Tillamook County Creamery association has reduced the price of triplets 1c to 25c and loaf 1c to 24c.

Fruits and vegetables were steady in prices with supplies of fresh products growing.

WHEOOPEE! LET'S GO!
Drill team dance April 1. Ballroom, Zuber hall. 3-29-30

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