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PEOPLE WANT THE TAX.

It is safe to say that the proposed income tax law was defeated in the election held Tuesday, but the principle of an income tax has not been beaten. The country outside of Portland said in no uncertain terms that it wished an income tax. The farmers of the state, by the overwhelming majority, they gave, indicated that they believe that an income tax would greatly relieve the tax upon their property.

Had the proposed tax been studiously drawn and had it had a property tax offset, there is no doubt that it would have been enacted. The heavy vote given for the proposed tax was a surprise even to its most ardent supporters. Few of them had any idea it had a chance of being enacted, while early returns indicated that it had been. It was thought that the cities of the state would return a heavy vote against it, but they failed to do so. Never before probably in the his-

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2. The letter was not sealed and bore only a one cent stamp. It will be a great convenience to the post office department when all those who use the mails learn that a letter is not sealed does not change its classification. It is passing strange how many there are who believe that a letter, if left unsealed, requires but a penny stamp. Under no circumstances does the post office department accept personal or business letters for distribution through the Cottage Grove post office at less than two cents.

Such is the case in all postoffices where there is carrier delivery service. In postoffices such as those at Saginaw, Walker and Dorens, letters which are to be delivered at the window or through a box in the post office where deposited may be mailed at one cent.

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tory of the state was the silent vote more effective.

The vote seems plainly to be an indication that the people want an income tax, but that they wish one drafted along saner lines.

The Sentinel stated that the sensible thing to do would be to defeat the law that was up and let the legislature enact an improved one. It is fortunate that the unfavorable vote was slight, so that the legislature need not hesitate to again submit an income tax measure. The country members, who are a large majority, have their instructions, for the vote in the country was strongly favorable.

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mistakes in the administration of city affairs—always bearing in mind those who have charge of city affairs—who are expected to make less mistakes than are made in ordinary business—receive no compensation for their services—unless a dollar a month be considered compensation.

Neighborhood News

DORENA.

(Special to The Sentinel)

Nov. 6.—Arma VanSchoiack, of Cottage Grove, spent Friday night and Saturday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. VanSchoiack.

U. S. Bales spent Saturday and Sunday at Santa Clara, visiting with his daughters, Mrs. James Chapman and Geneva Bales.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kelly, of the Grove, accompanied by their children, spent Sunday at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Stanley Damewood.

J. H. Kirk spent Monday in Eugene on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kelly and son Harvey spent the week end visiting in Roseburg at the home of Mrs. Kelly's sisters, Mrs. F. J. Hills and Belle Watson.

Mrs. Kate Land spent several days last week at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Kelly, in Cottage Grove.

Ellen Chaffu, of Row River, spent Sunday at the home of her aunt, Mrs. U. S. Bales.

Glen Watson and Frank Ollis, of the Grove, spent Saturday at the C. A. VanSchoiack home.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Kelly motored to Eugene Sunday and brought home Mrs. Kelly's daughter, Mrs. Bertha Krause, who has been in a Eugene hospital.

Joe Burnett, of Cottage Grove, is visiting at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Warren Kelly.

THE CEDARS.

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Nov. 5.—Literary will be held Friday night, November 9.

Mrs. Earl McKinney, who had been in a Eugene hospital, returned home Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dobberstein and daughters Myrtle and Perla spent Sunday at the D. H. Remple home.

At the regular meeting of the farmers' union the social committee served popcorn and cider, the proceeds going towards the purchase of tin cups.

Several members of the farmers' union attended the convention in Springfield Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. McFarland, of the Grove, visited Thursday at the homes of their sons, G. W. and C. A. McFarland.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hull and children spent Sunday at the W. A. Hemenway home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Sprague visited Monday at the home of Mrs. Sprague's mother east of Cottage Grove.

Mrs. J. J. Dillon and daughter Margaret and Mrs. L. A. Thompson, of Portland, and Donald Magee, of Salem, motored up and spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. P. H. Magee.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Smith and children and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Meissner and children spent Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Wheeler.

SILK CREEK.

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Nov. 6.—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wilson and little son, of Row River, and Mrs. Meir, of Sutherlin, were here to attend church services Saturday. Elder A. V. Rhoads, of Sutherlin, preached.

Sherill Slagle, formerly of this place, now of Wyoming, was a guest at the W. G. Bittinger home Thursday night. He was accompanied by a friend.

Mrs. Mary Burcham and Miss Lena Burcham came up from Eugene Friday for the week end.

Mrs. E. M. Babcock returned Wednesday of last week from Eugene. She was accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Jennie Walker, of McGlynn, who is visiting here this week.