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THE LEGISLATURE

Like every other legislature the Oregon law-making body now in session in Salem is apparently engaged in correcting the mistakes of previous sessions, and no doubt, making new ones to be corrected by succeeding gatherings; if the character of the bills introduced is a proper criterion for judgment.

So far it is apparent that the big fight of the session will take place over the proposed bills for the consolidation of the functions of the Port of Portland Commission and the Dock Commission of the city.

As usual it is in the Multnomah delegation that the fight is taking place. The Portlanders cannot agree among themselves and the men from the sage brush and from the coast country will have to settle their problems for them.

There are many legislators who would attempt to solve the road problems of the state, some by one method; others by practically stopping the road program where it is today. The temper of the good roads men in the early days of the session has not been fixed, tho there is little likelihood of drastic road legislation getting the approval of the majority.

In this connection the proposal of Governor Oleott to eliminate the quarter mill road tax and divert the funds thus secured to the reform school is not seriously considered, especially by men from districts where little or no road work has been done. Neither is the proposal to reduce licenses to \$5 per car greeted with much favor.

If so absurd a proposition were entertained the legislators of necessity would have to return to the old system of double taxation and have autos taxed as personal property as well as licensed. If this were not done auto owners would be given an advantage to which they are not entitled. Even under the present system the license for a high powered expensive car is less than what the tax would be upon it were it assessed on the same basis as other personal property.

If the legislature wants the road program to continue until the system is completed it will not tamper with the revenue funds needed to retire the bonds issued thus far, or others up to the four per cent limitation. If anything is done it should be that which will increase, rather than decrease the road revenues. Such is the proposal to increase the gasoline tax from one to two cents per gallon.

If such an increase is made, it is the suggestion of the Highway Commission, that the fund thus secured be set aside for the purpose of maintaining the highways and that provision be made for continuous maintenance, either with or without cooperation with the counties.

It is the theory of those proposing the increase in gasoline tax that it will reach those who use the roads on a more equitable basis, and will yield at least a half million annually for the upkeep of the highways.

There is little likelihood that the suggestion of the commission that the legislature surrender to the commission all right to designate state highway will be followed, for legislative bodies are not prone to curtail their own privileges.

STATE INCOME TAXES

There is a growing sentiment among legislators at Salem to enact a state income tax. The purpose of course is to "get the money" needed to maintain the pace of governmental efforts which have become so popular of late.

There is much to be said in favor of the theory of income taxes in general—mind you we said the theory—not the practice of income

taxes. There's the rub. In theory income taxes would be the most just to the individual. If he earned no surplus over say, \$2,000, if married he would have no taxes at all—what a blessed state. And if he earned more than that sum, he could afford to pay the taxes—maybe.

But what would happen to the state and its institutions if a considerable portion of the people in any given year failed to make the said \$2,000 or more? Where would the money come from then?

Nor is that all—will the state be any more efficient in catching the tax dodger than is the national government?

Before abandoning the present system, tho we are in favor of some changes, the legislature will do well to look before it takes the leap.

SOLDIER LOANS OF BONDS

That the people of Oregon want to do their part in showing appreciation for the work of the Oregon men who went into the service during the world war, there is no doubt. But how that can be done without sinking the ship of state in the problem which the legislature is facing.

During the past year many of the boys have been assisted in getting an education and given an opportunity to rise in the educational world; while those who have not taken advantage of this law naturally feel that they also are entitled to consideration.

Just what will happen if many of the 48 states launch bond issues wherewith to finance loans for their soldier boys, and the national government does the same, is not hard to see. But if by doing so it will enable the men to build homes, launch business enterprises or purchase farms or do anyone of several things which if once started will set the wheels of progress turning, it will be worthy of serious consideration. It is a gigantic financial problem at the best.

WANT TO BE SHOWN

Officials of the Oregon Public Service Commission and of the O. W. R. & N. and the Southern Pacific declare that they will establish a low rate for hay from this section to the Willamette valley and other coast points if it can be shown that there is a market in that region for it.

In conversations with a number of dairymen of that region it was learned by the writer that there is a market, to a limited degree at least, but further evidence must be secured, tabulated and otherwise prepared before action can be taken.

MALHEUR COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS RECORDED

- JAN. 15 TO JAN 22  
C. C. Dodge et ux to John Dunphy et al. W 1/2 SW 1/4 NW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 5-18-47, August 15, 1920, \$1.00.  
Sara R. Combs to A. S. Moss, W 1/2 W 1/2 Sec. 22; NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 28; and W 1/2 NW 1/4 Sec. 27-23-46, Dec. 18, 1915, \$350.00.  
Sheriff H. Lee Noe to M. D. Moore 160 acres in Sections 22 and 27, 27-28, Jan. 17, 1921, \$1340.43.  
John B. Woodcock et al to George Eddy, E 1/2 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 36-13-39, July 10, 1920, \$1.00.  
F. M. Dunn et ux to Andrew J. Swan, Lots 4 and 5, Blk. 1, Nyssa, Jan. 18, 1921, \$1,000.00.  
F. D. McClaren to L. E. Greenlet, NW 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 11-17-45, Dec. 3, 1920, \$1.00.  
Sheriff H. Lee Noe to Frank B. Glenn, Lot 14, Blk. 2, Northwest Townsite Add. to Vale; also Lot 3, Eldredge Add to Vale, Jan. 3, 1921, \$30.00.  
D. B. Herrold to S. E. Gobat, NE 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 11-17-45, Nov. 27, 1920, \$10.00.  
Edward J. Curtis to J. R. Blackaby Com. Co., NW 1/4 NW 1/4 Sec. 29-25-46, Jan. 13, 1921, \$750.00.  
Sheriff H. Lee Noe to Joshua A. Randolph, NE 1/4 Sec. 34-17-44, Jan. 5, 1921, \$147.23.  
Sheriff H. Lee Noe to James L. Stewart, Lots 73 & 74, Blk. 8, Villa Park Add. to Ontario, Jan. 3, 1921, \$8.35.  
Robert Haney et ux to C. A. Wyman, W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 9-17-46, Nov. 27, 1920, \$800.00.  
Leslie L. Hope et ux to Hope Bros. N 1/2 NW 1/4, W 1/2 NE 1/4 Sec. 6-18-45; also SE 1/4 NE 1/4, N 1/2 SE 1/4, SE 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 6-19-44, Jan. 11, 1921, \$10.

Marriage Licenses Issued

- Lewis Daniel Frey and Vergie Ambrose, Jan. 22, 1921.

Complaints Filed in Circuit Court

- Arthur I. Roumagoux vs. Archie Kaykendall et al, Jan. 18, 1921. Foreclosure of Mtr. \$4,190.00.  
R. D. Burrow vs. Pete Davis, Jan. 18, 1921. Recovery of money \$100.  
Kingman Colony Drainage District, Jan. 19, 1921. Confirmation proceedings. Wetser National Bank vs. W. H. Wright et al, Jan. 19, 1921. Recovery on Note \$1,735.00.  
G. L. King vs. R. E. Coffey, Jan. 20, 1921. Foreclosure of Tax Lien.  
Luella Newell vs. Lawson Newell, Jan. 20, 1921. Divorce.  
Credit Service Co. vs. M. F. Clark, Jan. 20, 1921. Recovery on Acct. \$135.78.  
Lloyd A. Weaver vs. Pearl Jamieson et al, Jan. 22, 1921. Damages. \$300.00.

MEN WANTED

Applications will be received for a night pumpman, also one ditch rider. State experience, salary and references. Make application to Secretary, Ontario-Nyssa Irrigation Company, c/o Malheur County Bank, Nyssa, Oregon. 934-5-9.

THE OREGON LIVE STOCK SITUATION

The live stock industry is passing through the long looked for readjustment period that everyone at all familiar with the industry knew must take place before the business would get back on a firm foundation. The surprising thing has been that things are as good as they are. No great amount of forced liquidation has taken place. The Presidential election, which always brings about business stagnation, has passed and soon a new Congress and a new President will be asked to pass what appears to be much needed legislation for the industry. Already it is reported that there is a letting up in the buying of certain foreign wools for import, tho would be purchasers, fearing that he may get caught with his import product in the protection bars of the new tariff fence that this special session of Congress may establish. Feed is plentiful and must remain cheap. In order to market the enormous hay crop of nearly every section of Oregon, much winter feeding must be resorted to and a brisk home market for much of our feeding stuff ought to be in evidence.

The desert section of Oregon, which has formerly been used as a winter range for many of our interior shepherds, but which owing to the high price of sheep during the war period, was not used because of certain winter hazards, is now being thrown into use for the cheap carrying over of many of our range flocks. The early fall rains have insured a rank growth of all desert grasses and a spring lamb crop far above the average ought to result from this year's carry over of all range breeding ewes. The spring market, which has been exceedingly poor for the past year should be materially helped by purchasers from Montana, Wyoming and the Rocky Mountain States that have experienced heavy winter losses during last year and a lamb crop of but fifty per cent of the normal.

Cattle seem to have reached the bottom and a slight climb in price might well be looked for. Were it not for our abundant hay crop the feeder and yearling end would be a source of some little concern, but as the feed situation is entirely satisfactory and much outside range is everywhere reported these unsold animals may well be put to the profitable task of garnering a feed crop that might otherwise go ungathered. Statistics show that Oregon cattle profits are made from the range running of cattle rather than from the feed lot. This year might show a much better spring balance than is now looked for. The Oregon cattle producer has materially improved the quality of his animals by the bringing in and use of pure blooded bulls on the range and with good feed, a high and desirable type of animal will be offered the range states feeders and shippers.

Horses are steadily becoming more in demand. Decreased feed costs and stationary or increased gasoline costs, is swinging the pendulum back in favor of the horse. At present figuring, barley at 50 c, oats at 60c, hay at \$25.00 per ton and pasture at \$15.00 per acre for the year's pasture run rent of 170 days, we find that 25.3 bushels of rolled barley, 27.8 bushels of oats, 1.7 tons of hay will keep an average Oregon horse working under average Oregon farm conditions for a year, the aggregate cost of this feed is \$117.35 per year; from this should be subtracted \$29.00 value of the manure, leaving an expense of but \$78.35 for the year's feeding. These figures show really how cheaply a draft horse may be maintained under farm conditions; fancy attempting to compete with auto motive or tractor power with this bill of expenses. Good draft mares should all be bred in the spring and range mares of fair type and reasonable bone and size will be in increasing demand. Livestock growers have a right to be optimistic about the future of the industry. 1921 ought to be an average year. It will call for the practice of thrift and good feeding and better farm and range care of our animals.

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COW WILL MARKET ALFALFA

Alfalfa growers who find no market for their surplus hay may again try the dairy cow as the most promising channel. A good cow will turn one ton of alfalfa into 60 to 75 pounds butterfat, with a by-product of 1000 pounds of skim milk, which is excellent feed for calves, pigs and poultry, says E. B. Fitts, dairy extension specialist at O. A. C. Many growers had turned to the dairy cow

before the war as the best permanent market channel for hay, but sold off their herds when hay prices soared and lobar was so scarce. Professor Fitts thinks they might well consider now getting back into the dairy game, thereby building a permanent market for hay, saving handling and shipping cost, removing only a concentrated product for the farm, and receiving monthly liberal pay checks.

A few sheep owners apparently do not know that failure to report sheep scab is punishable by a fine of One Hundred Dollars to Five Hundred Dollars. The different sanitary agents throughout the State are being asked to report any offenders for violation of this statute. Those guilty of negligence may save themselves any way from One Hundred to Five Hundred Dollars by complying with this statute.

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