



TAXATION SCORED AT LIVE WIRE MEET TUESDAY NIGHT

Startling Figures Showing Causes of Present High Tax Rate Given

CUT EXPENSES SLOGAN

State Penal, Benevolent and Educational Institution's Costs Declared to Be Excessive

At the luncheon held in the Commercial Club room on Tuesday night and attended by business men, farmers and others the very atmosphere was charged with the demand for lower taxes.

G. B. Dimick led off in the discussion of taxes and laid before those present many causes of the present high rate of taxation. He called attention to the fact that Clackamas county raised state taxes in 1920 only \$32,000 and this year the enormous sum of \$355,000.

Cut Down Expenses

He declared that methods of reduction must be used and scored the high cost of state institutions as the cause of a considerable part of the cost. \$388,000 is given by the state to the State Fair and the Pacific International Livestock Exposition and another \$50,000 to boost the scenic values and the agricultural exhibits at Portland during the past year. And said these objectives should be self supporting. He further declared that the state penitentiary, the U. of O., the O. A. C., the boys training school and other state institutions ought to be conducted for less money than is now taken from the taxpayers; that the higher educational institutions ought to charge higher tuition and the other institutions be made self supporting or nearly so through industry and efficient management.

Commercial Organization Rapped

H. H. Stullard, non-partisan league organizer described his organization's origin and plan in Dakota. He declared that commercial clubs have too much power and that the farmers should organize against them. Make business men pay more taxes and relieve the farmers, he said. His sarcastic references to the commercial club members present were opposed by J. W. Exon, one of several farmers present, and who declared that the "business men had always helped the farmers by helping to build roads and in other ways when given the opportunity. The speaker also spoke of low taxes under the non-partisan regime in Dakota.

Business Administration Urged

C. Schuebel gave a concise and forceful address on reasons for high taxes and agreed that the state penal and educational institutions are top heavy with expense. He took the county court to task for leaving an average balance of approximately \$380,000 on deposit while the county pays over \$71.00 per day interest.

The speaker denied that taxes in Dakota are lower than in Oregon as had been claimed; ditto in the state of Washington. He recommended a business administration such as runs the great industrial plants and urged cutting luxuries from state institutions including U. of O. and O. A. C. Ed Olds portrayed extravagance and inefficiency in bridge building as another cause of high taxes and J. R. Herman, veteran single taxer, presented his theme and informed those present that this form of taxation would be voted on by the people of Oregon again this fall.

R. E. Cherrick called attention incidentally to his candidacy and espoused the cause of the grade schools declaring they should be as well supported and of as high standard in the rural districts as in the city. Supt. R. W. Kirk, expressed the feeling that the higher educational institutions may cut off some luxuries without injuring themselves materially.

O. C. H. S. Wins First Triangular Debate

Debating the question, "Resolved that the Plumb plan for the control and management of the railways of the United States should be enacted into law," the Oregon City High school debating team won first honors on Friday evening, last.

At Oregon City the local team defeated the Park Rose team, the award of the judges being 2 to 1. At West Linn the negative team defeated the home team by a decision of two to one.

As the close of this first triangle contest, Oregon City had 6 points, West Linn 5 and Park Rose 1. Oregon City's affirmative team consists of Gordon and Gladys Hannaford. The negative is Marguerite Jackson and Elov Anderson.

ROAD MATTERS ARE PART LIVE WIRE MENU

Monitor-Barlow Committee Urge Court to Proceed with Improvements Under Bond Plan.

The county court are besieged with queries as to their road policy. Some are anxious to know the court's stand on the question of market roads, bond roads and all other kinds of roads. Some want new market roads others want all bond roads market roads established, and still others want the court to go right on with the bond road program which the court declares cannot be done under the law, which requires the adjoining districts to grade and prepare the base at the taxpayers' own expense.

At the meeting of the Live Wires on Tuesday evening a delegation of Barlow-Monitor people urged the appointment of a committee from the Wires to investigate the advisability of making the J. W. Exon road located between Barlow and Monitor a market road and to recommend to the county court its findings.

J. W. Exon criticized the division of large Monitor district declaring that no progress could be made under present conditions. He urged the bond road be made into market roads, stated that one and one-half miles of road made ready by the taxpayers of the district could be paved under the bond act and said the people would buy the bonds for the project. The committee appointed by Main Trunk Dimick consists of F. J. Toozee, E. L. Pope, Mort Latourette, L. A. Henderson and E. L. Johnson.

The committee which recently visited Clarkes at the invitation of the Booster club committee, recommended with reference to the establishment of a market road from Fishers' Corner to Rock Creek bridge, that the highway engineer be asked to make a survey and determine the feasibility of the proposed new course.

Supplemental to this committee report, E. L. Pope favored making all market roads bond roads and at the same time as the best plan under which results may be obtained.

WORLD CONFERENCE CLOSED IN FINE SPIRIT

Great Accomplishments Mark This First Step Toward Permanent World Peace

Exactly three months after it was called to order, the Washington conference closed with the general approval and good will of all the nations represented.

Among the things accomplished in the interests of world peace and progress are:

- 1. A naval limitation treaty entered into by the U. S., Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, providing for a naval holiday of ten years, destroying of many battleships and setting a definite allotment of tonnage of warships for the five Great powers.
- 2. Outlawed poison gas as a war weapon and submarines as commerce attackers.
- 3. A four-power treaty to eliminate strife in the Pacific.

There are also two nine-power treaties affecting particularly the Chinese as follows:

- 1. Deals with the custom duties granting to China a five per cent tariff with future changes.
- 2. Reaffirms the principle of the "Open door" and Chinese integrity.

The settlement of the Shantung controversy by Japan's agreement to return to China Kaio Chou and the Shantung railway.

Settlement of the Yap question between the U. S. and Japan.

Settlement of the division of cables in the Pacific.

Agreement of Japan to withdraw from Siberia.

Return of Wei Her Wei by Great Britain to China.

Withdrawal of Japan of the abnoxious group of the 21 demands and the relinquishment of the idea of "exclusive" control in South Manchuria and Mongolia.

Statesmen in the world characterize this conference the greatest epoch making period in the history of the world and give to the United States due credit for its initiation and success.

Former Resident Of City Passes On

Christian Blumh, for many years a resident of Oregon City, passed away at the residence of his daughter, in Salem, on Sunday. While in this city he was for a long time sexton at the Mountain View cemetery.

He leaves his children, William, of Oregon City; Charles, of Pendleton, Christian and George, Portland; Mrs. Marie Abst, Salem; Mrs. Elizabeth Noble, Portland; a sister, Mrs. Priebe of this city; and a brother, Gottfried Blumh of Beaver Creek.

STATE INDEBTEDNESS SECURED BY BONDS IS \$42,659,125

Legislation And People Vie With Each Other In Voting Obligations

FIRST BONDS DUE 1925

Highway Debt Now Over Three-Fourths Amount Allowed Under State Constitution.

At the end of 1916 or a little over five years ago, the state of Oregon had no bonded debt. Today she is bonded for \$42,659,125. Of these bonds the largest amount is \$31,709,000 for highways.

The first issue of these highway bonds was provided for by the Beane-Barrett act passed by the legislature of 1919 and carrying \$1,200,000, which was to match a federal appropriation of the same amount. At this same legislative session there was referred to the people another issue of \$6,000,000, which issue the people authorized at a special election in June of the same year.

Again in 1919, the legislature authorized an additional \$10,000,000, which brought the amount of bonds close to \$20,000,000 or close to the constitutional limit of 2 per cent of the total assessed valuation of the state. The people then extended this limitation to four per cent or approximately \$40,000,000.

And under authority of this amendment, the highway commission was authorized by the special session of the legislature to sell an issue of \$10,000,000 more bonds.

And still there was a cry for more bonds—MORE BONDS, and STILL MORE BONDS. Great speed was developed in the floating of the bonds. It was SUCH AN EASY THING to do, don't you know? The same 1920 body of law manufacturers with machinery at full tilt authorized another \$3,500,000 in order to cooperate further with the federal government.

The legislature of 1921 authorized \$7,000,000 sale and the electorate promptly came to bat by voting another issue of \$2,500,000 to cooperate with the federal government in constructing the Coast highway.

First Payment Due in 1925.

And "the day of reckoning cometh soon." Most of these bonds have been of the 20-year maturity variety but three installments mature in 1925 and draw interest at 6 per cent. The first day pay in less than three years hence.

Owing to depression in the bond market and high rate of interest the \$31,709,000 worth of bonds sold for \$30,479,141, or at an initial loss of \$1,229,858.90.

The soldiers' bonus of \$10,000,000 is provided for by bonds cared for by a sinking fund of one mill tax on each dollar of assessable property in the counties; the highway bonds are dependent for payment on auto fees; irrigation bonds are charged up to the water districts; and the rural credit bonds are loans upon the security of the state.

COMMISSIONER HARRIS WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR RE-ELECTION

Campaign Will Be Made on Basis of Official Record Urged to Make The Race.

W. T. Harris who is now on the last half of his first term as county commissioner has decided to make the campaign for a second term.

His announcement follows: "To the citizens and taxpayers of Clackamas county:

"After due consideration and encouragement from numerous men in different parts of the county, I have concluded to come before the voters asking for a second term as county commissioner.

"I have no promises or apologies to make. During my term of office I have been guided by the best interests of the taxpayers as I saw them. I have had no pets to consider and all mistakes I have made were made in sincere and honest effort to do what was right. I have to treat all parts of the country and friend and foe alike."

"W. F. HARRIS."

Milwaukee Recall Approaches.

In Milwaukee the recall preparations are going merrily on. The date set for the election is the 16th of this month. The subject of the recall is Mayor Snyder.

Mrs. Maggie Johnson, realtor, has been named registration clerk and has opened the registration books at her office.

A Correction.

The senatorial candidate who writes in the "People's Say" column in this issue is R. E. Cherrick.

HERE'S WORK FOR THE HUMANE SOCIETY

Starvation Among Livestock on Range Demands Improved Methods and Better Care.

From a report of the Oregon Humane society coming to hand this week it appears that there is tremendous work for this organization to do in behalf of the range stock, particularly the stock of eastern Oregon.

This winter with its general depression in the livestock business and the unusually long period of cold weather sees great neglect and suffering. Starvation and suffering among the sheep, horses and cattle on the ranges of the state is more serious than in other years and is resulting in big loss.

And for this condition, stockmen are not altogether blameless. Some of this starvation and suffering is the price of greed. In many cases it has been the custom to let herds of cattle, sheep and horses rustle in the snow and winter, the owners taking a chance on their being able to make a living until spring when on the new grass they will fatten and turn a profit.

Horses have been found by the humane society investigators, rustling in bands in the sage brush country that lies under a crust of snow and ice, pawing through to the earth for food until their feet are worn to the quick and leave trails of blood. Also at this time many of the owners live in comfort in California or in some other warmer climate from the profits of winter starved and suffering livestock.

So customary is it to allow herds to shift for themselves that some big livestock operators expect losses of from ten to thirty per cent and a regular feature of the business involves losses of millions of dollars worth of stock in any hard winter.

Some stockmen are doing their best to feed their stock, but hay, cash and even credit is short. Some of them are weeding out the weaker animals and feeding them, giving the stronger to shift for themselves. If the rough weather shall continue late into the spring the losses will be greater than ever.

The Oregon Humane society is pleading with commercial organizations, schools, and churches in order to arouse interest in this subject, and are suggesting that it be given attention in future legislation.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY FILED 182 CASES IN 1921

Report of district attorney of Clackamas county, Oregon, for the year 1921:

Criminal cases—Preliminary hearings before magistrate, 48; indictments by grand jury, 47; trials in circuit court, 12; convictions in circuit court, 11; acquittals in circuit court, 1; plea of guilty in circuit court, 25.

Juvenile court—Cases, 37. Justice court—Cases, 56; found guilty, 29; found not guilty, 25; no verdict, 2; plea of guilty, 84; dismissed, 20; not apprehended, 24; cases filed exclusive of hearings before magistrate and excepting prohibition cases 152.

Violations of Prohibition Law—Cases filed, 40; plea of guilty, 28; plea not guilty, 12; tried, found guilty, 7; tried found not guilty, 5.

Civil cases—State industrial accident commission cases, 9; trials by jury in circuit court, 1; damage cases, 3; cases dismissed on demurrer, 1. This report does not include cases taken before the court without a warrant, except in prohibition cases.

L. STIPP, District Attorney.

Prominent Carver Woman Passes

Mrs. J. R. Dallas, and estimable young woman of Carver died at the Oregon City hospital Monday afternoon, February 6, following a serious operation which was performed with the hope of saving her life. Mrs. Dallas was 28 years old and has lived in Carver a number of years where she had a host of friends. She is survived by her mother, Mrs. George Dallas of Portland, her husband, J. R. Dallas and two adopted children, Mildred and Billy of Carver, three brothers, S. H. Rankin of Glastone, Charles Rankin, a student at Corvallis, and Jack Rankin, a student at Forrest Grove. She also leaves several step brothers and sisters. The funeral was held at Holman and Pace, undertaking parlors, Thursday afternoon and was one of the largest funerals that has ever been held there. Rev. B. F. Clay, pastor of the Christian church at Glastone officiated. A quartette composed of Mrs. E. Dunlap, Mrs. R. L. Peek, Mrs. Josephine Link, and Mrs. William Noland rendered the music.

Banks Will Close.

All three of the banks of Oregon City will close on Monday, next, February 13, in honor of Lincoln's birthday.

NEW SOURCES OF TAXES PROPOSED BY SECRETARY

Reenactment Excess Profits And Added Income Tax Strongly Opposed

ESTIMATE \$1,082,400,000

Increase In Postage on First and Second Class Mail and More Tax Tobacco Proposed.

Congress with the soldiers' bonus bill before it is looking for the best means to meet its demands if enacted into law. The amount required in cash if all soldiers under the proposed law should want cash payment is estimated at \$1,082,400,000.

Many sources from which this tremendous sum could be raised are proposed. The secretary of the treasury who is opposed to bonus legislation at present, declares that congress must tap new sources of revenue as all levies at this time are abnormally high. In fact, they are now as burdensome as they should be permitted to become.

Among the possible sources from which to raise this sum of money which would produce \$40,000,000 a year: a tax on cigarettes and tobacco amounting to \$25,000,000; three cent postage on first class mail and increase on second class mail which would produce together \$100,000,000; a two cent tax on bank checks yielding \$30,000,000; and a 50-cent license tax on each horse power on automobiles bringing in \$100,000,000. Altogether, these sources would yield \$295,000,000 a year.

With the exception of those on tobacco and documents, the secretary opposes increases in taxes. He also opposes the sales tax and the reenactment of the excess profits tax. Neither is he willing to place a consumers' tax on sugar, gasoline, tea or coffee; nor does he approve of using a part of the foreign debt declaring that this program would be more costly than the laying of direct taxes.

The suggestions to tax light wines and beer for raising the bonus is also tabooed, owing to the uncertainty of it in prohibition times.

Objection is made also to a further increase of income taxes on corporations by some who contend that these organizations are now taxed heavily and to further tax them would mean to retard the revival of business.

With these different views before it, congress is urged to pass the soldiers' bonus bill at this session.

Madison Street Bridge Is Opened

The Madison street bridge which has been closed for more than a year on account of poor condition, has been repaired and re-opened to traffic. The re-opening is hailed with enthusiasm since it is the connecting link between important residential districts and the downtown business section.

Gladstone Resident Invents Toy Holder

H. E. Beardsley, formerly of Gladstone, but now living in Portland, is the inventor of a baby toy holder, which is both unique and useful. It is attached to the baby's high chair tray and prevents the baby from throwing toys onto the floor; keeps the baby amused, and saves the mother a great deal of time used ordinarily in picking up toys.

The toy holder is being handled through furniture factories, furniture dealers and drug stores, or any dealer who handles baby supplies.

Mr. Beardsley is a former resident of Gladstone.

Pete Mountain Man Moonshines.

At his home where he lived alone on Pete Mountain, Alfred Klaus was arrested on Monday on the charge of manufacturing and having in his possession intoxicating liquors.

The moonshine outfit consisted of 150 gallons of mash and 6 gallons of moonshine. Judge Noble taxed Mr. Moonshiner \$250 and gave him full suite in hotel de Wilson for 120 days.

Library Shows Gain.

The Oregon City library shows an increasing gain of nearly double in the number of borrowers during the month of January, 1922, over the same month in 1921. Ninety cards were issued during January, 1922, and 57 in January, 1921.

The report has just been completed by Mrs. Bertha Adams the librarian. During the month 2986 people called at the library, either to borrow books or read which a gain of 110 over the same period in 1921. We are glad to know that the public is gradually getting more interested in our library.

COMMERCIAL CLUB COMMITTEES NAMED

Prospects Are Bright for Continued Progress and Activity During The Year.

The following Commercial club committees have been appointed by J. E. Hedges, president for the year:

Executive—Joseph E. Hedges, John R. Humphreys, M. D. Latourette, F. Cramer, O. D. Eby, T. W. Sullivan, W. P. Hawley, Sr.

Auditing—John R. Humphreys, Percy Caulfield, Irving Rau.

Entertainment—M. D. Latourette, Raymond P. Caulfield, Dr. Clyde Mount, Dr. A. H. Huycke, Arthur G. Beattie.

House—F. Cramer, J. J. Cooke, A. B. Buckles.

Membership—O. D. Eby, Hal E. Hoss, Milton Nobel, Dr. L. A. Morris, O. A. Pace, the Rev. H. G. Edgar, Dr. W. Ross Eaton and L. O. Harding.

Roads and Bridges—T. W. Sullivan, Grant B. Dimick, Dr. W. E. Hempstead, Harry E. Draper, Oscar D. Eby, L. A. Henderson and E. L. Pope.

Transportation—W. P. Hawley, Sr., A. R. Jacobs, Dr. Guy Mount, D. F. Skene, George H. Tracy, Jr., and John C. Busch.

MEADE POST G. A. R. AND W. R. C. CORPS INSTALL OFFICERS

Many Visitors Were Present From Portland and Other Places In The State.

On Saturday, January 7, Meade Post No. 2, G. A. R., and Meade Corps, W. R. C., No. 18, met at Willamette hall for joint installation of officers. After the Post had installed, the meeting was turned over to the W. R. C. Mrs. Anna Butler was installing officer, and Mrs. LaMarr of George Wright corps conductor for the day.

Officers installed are: President, Mrs. Bessie Alldredge; S. V. P., Elta Walker; S. V. P., Ora Draper; secretary, Nellie Alldredge; treasurer, Ellen Barker; chaplain, J. R. Morgan; conductor, Jennie Drumm; guard, Wanda Lagesson; Pal Inst., Anna Butler; press corps, Anna M. Linnville; musician, Mayme Bennett; Asst. con. Mayme Barges; Asst. guard, Eve Lawrence; 1st color bearer, Corrinne Henningsen; 2nd color bearer, Mattie Hadley; 3rd color bearer, Effie Junkin; 4th color bearer, Ida Adamson.

At the close of installation services, Mrs. Corrinne Henningsen and Mrs. Anna Butler were presented with beautiful fern vases as a token of esteem in which they were held by their friends.

On the regular corps day, January 24, a birthday dinner was served and directed by Mae Martin, which was voted by the post as one of the best ever. The corps met in session at 2 p. m. Members present 52, visitors 8.

Mrs. Hohenschott was present, and gave a very interesting talk. Others were Mr. and Mrs. Laman, Mr. Kellog, department commander; C. A. Williams, Joseph Butler, Past Department Commander, J. H. Stevens and Mrs. Alice L. Poe of Newberg. All officers were present in their chairs. Several members were reported sick and the president wished those who could to call on the sick.

The relief committee consisted of: Corrinne Henningsen for Oregon City; Mrs. Ida Adamson, Willamette, and Mrs. Nora Webster, Gladstone.

A motion was carried that Pension day dinner be every three months. June 4, September 4, and December 4. Those having birthdays and who attending the dinner were: Mr. and Mrs. LaMarr, Portland; Malissa Shortledge, Gladstone; Genevieve Williams, Sarah Lacy, Rosina Foutz-Evans, Minnie Donnaven, Julia Saunders, Nellie Cooper, Anna Tufts, Mrs. Horton, and Mrs. Dodds.

ANNA M. LINNVILLE, Press Correspondent.

Prominent Musician Answers Final Call

Jasper Dean MacFall, who for nearly three years has conducted a music studio in this city, passed away at his home in Jennings Lodge on Saturday last. While engaged in musical work here, Mr. MacFall was for a considerable length of time in charge of the Baptist church choir.

The deceased was for several years a director of the Sunnyside Methodist church in Portland where he lived.

Among those who are left to mourn his loss are a wife and little daughter, and a host of warm and admiring friends.

Speeders Are Fined.

Frank Panzer and Mike Serres were arrested by Deputies Hughes and Long on Saturday night for speeding along on Main street, at a rate said to be in excess of that allowed by law.

The officers took their licenses as an assurance of appearance in court on Monday, where and when they were each fined \$15 and costs, \$3.20, by Judge Noble.

ROAD MAKING UNDER PRESENT LAW SLOW PROCESS

County Judge Advocates New Plan for Use of Road Funds

150 MILES IN SIX YEARS

Roads in View of Speed and Economy Stir Public Mind. Difficulties Cited

According to the general interpretation of the law, the bond roads cannot cost of the bond money more than eleven thousand dollars per mile, the bonds must be sold at par and the districts through which the bond roads pass must grade and prepare the base at the expense of the taxpayers of said district.

The cost of improving the roads of this county averages \$7500 per mile, running from \$5012 to over \$15000 per mile from the easiest to the most difficult to improve, according to county court records.

Up until recently the selling of bonds drawing the rate of interest borne by the road bonds has been impossible. And now a majority of the membership of the Clackamas County grange has voted to referend the \$1,700,000 road bond issue and are proceeding along this line with the circulation of a bond recall.

To prepare the base costs so much in many places that it is prohibitive. It is contended by some that the large district plan which was a part of the original bond plan would overcome the difficulties which now make it impossible for the district residents to prepare the base while others feel sure and declare that only small districts can meet the situation. The one faction declares that the big district can raise more money and are entitled to enough more money in road building, to accomplish the desired results. The opposite faction points out that those in the large district who are obliged to wait long before their money to be spent far away from their homes in a big district are not willing to wait so long and refuse to vote special taxes and demand the smaller district where they can direct more fully the expenditure of their money and receive more direct and more rapid results.

New Plan Advocated.

The county judge recently declared in a public address what he believes a wise policy in the future road making of the county. At the outset he characterized the \$100,000 available each year for market roads and the \$200,000 of which is for districts including the cities and thirty per cent for general roads fund, as only a maintenance fund when scattered over the entire county as it is under the present law.

The speaker then suggested: (1) That the bond roads be made market roads also and that the \$100,000 market road money be used to prepare the grade and base. With this market road money there is now under construction about 50 miles of road in the county which will be completed in 3 years.

With this \$100,000 applied to construction of the base and the \$200,000 district and general road money all in one fund and applied, there could be built 150 miles of market roads within the following six years, or during the life of the bond road fund, and there would in the meantime be sufficient funds to care for incidental needs in the bridge fund of \$55,000, machinery fund of \$20,000 and paving fund of \$5000.

Lincoln's Birthday Will Be Celebrated

Lincoln's birthday anniversary will be observed by Meade Post and Meade Relief corps at Willamette hall, February 13, at 2:30 p. m.

The program is as follows: Introduction, drum corps; invocation, Chaplain G. T. Butler; Star Spangled Banner, Miss Nora Webster; reading, Mrs. W. S. Bennett; Tenting Tonight, Mrs. E. H. Cooper; violin solo, Mrs. Christine Brackett-Stone; address, Rev. A. H. Thompson; America, Gladstone school children.

Local People Attend Mrs. Gilbert's Funeral

The host of friends of Rev. E. E. Gilbert note with sorrow the passing of his wife at her home in Salem. The funeral was held from the First Methodist church on Monday afternoon with interment in the local cemetery. Many members of the Methodist church of which he was former pastor, in this city, attended the services.

Rev. Gilbert is district superintendent of the Methodist churches of the Salem district.