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RATIOS KEY TO TAX PROBLEM

LANE county now pays 4.71 percent of the taxes for state expenses; Multnomah county pays 35.11; Marion county pays 5.18 percent; Clackamas pays 4.81 percent; Clatsop pays 3.81 percent; Jackson pays 2.93 percent; Douglas pays 2.97 percent; Yamhill pays 2.19 percent; Washington pays 2.92 percent; Deschutes pays 1.15 percent and other counties generally in proportion.

This figure is reached by taking the assessed value of taxable property in each county as determined by the assessor and county board and adding to that the value of utility properties within that county as assessed and equalized by the state tax commission. To each figure is then applied the "ratio of assessment" and from this is derived the "full cash value" of the properties in each classification. The total cash value of taxable properties in each county is then compared with the total cash value of taxable properties in the state and in this way is derived the "proportion of equalized value of taxable property in each county to total taxable value of the state and the proportion of state taxes to be paid by each county."

Thus Lane county which is assumed to be assessed at 54 percent of cash value is given a valuation of \$33,429,417 on properties assessed locally; \$7,606,455.43 on properties assessed by the state (utilities); \$41,035,872.43 for total assessment. The cash values run \$81,906,327.78 for property assessed locally; \$14,086,084.12 for properties assessed by the state, giving a total of \$95,992,411.90 total cash value to be compared with \$1,612,328,427.68 for the entire state. But the final proportion on which the state tax is based is a Lane county taxable valuation of \$45,553,428.72 against \$924,071,620.84 for the state.

The question whether Lane county pays more or less than its just share of state burdens and whether Lane county industries which have recently been revalued upward will be handicapped in relation to competitors in other parts of the state depends entirely on WHETHER THE RATIOS IN EACH COUNTY ARE CORRECT. According to Assessor Stevens, the total taxable valuation of Lane county at the end of adjustments will be slightly lower than at present because while some have been raised many have been reduced. The question which Hugh Rosson's committee will have to investigate is whether in the matter of ratios all counties are telling the truth.

It is interesting to note that Multnomah county claims to be assessing in the ratio of 55 percent but when a Eugene citizen shows a tax bill on a house he owns in Portland for which he paid \$5000 (and the previous owner \$7,500) but for which he is assessed only \$1,300 or 26 percent, the accuracy of the Multnomah rating is thrown in doubt. Other counties show varying ratios ranging all the way from 45 in Clackamas and Polk to more than 70 in eastern parts of the state.

Obviously any county which can establish a claim to a high ratio while keeping its total of valuations actually low will thereby decrease its percentage in the burdens of the state. If Lane county, for instance, were to claim a ratio of 64 instead of 54 without altering the present taxable total the amount on which the state would collect would be materially reduced.

It is charged that some counties for many years have deliberately claimed unfair ratios. To keep these ratios reasonably balanced requires a continuous "audit" comparing sales with assessments on in Lane county are necessary to prevent local on the books. Re-appraisals such as have been going inequities; fair ratios are necessary to prevent severe inequities between the various parts of the state.

BEND'S ANNUAL WATER SHOW

ONE of the truly distinctive community celebrations of the Northwest is Bend's Fourth of July Water Pageant. Back in 1934 when Eugene was geared up for one of the triennial Pioneer Pageants which we have made our contribution to Oregon, Cal Young and a number of enthusiasts took an appropriate float to the Bend show, and this good will offering was received with much appreciation. There is no reason why Eugene should not be represented at Bend every year, and in time, perhaps every city in Oregon will want to take part there.

Bend possesses an exceptional natural setting for this Fourth of July event. The Mirror Pond of the Deschutes river is broad and calm and crystal clear. On one bank Drake park offers comfortable seating for thousands of spectators. On the opposite bank the lawns of many beautiful homes provide additional accommodations. Moonrise completes the magical beauty of silvery water, towering pines and distant snow-capped mountains. There is no place in Oregon so admirably suited for the symbolic picturing of events in Oregon history and American history which on Independence Day are peculiarly appropriate.

The people of Bend, always remarkable for making the most of their scenic advantages, are achieving some exceptional results in these Water Pageants. Though the idea may have been taken originally from the annual canoe fetes which the University of Oregon students hold on the Eugene millrace they have elaborated and improved many of the features. After some rather expensive "trial and error" in the first few years, their association is now on a sound financial footing and each year's profits are being devoted to improving the facilities.

This year they built a magnificent arch through which the floats entered the "stage" of the Mirror Pond. They also built a running boom several hundred yards long to carry a power line from which each float could be lighted separately throughout its journey, eliminating all the difficulties of floodlighting and spotlighting. Another year it may be possible to have a running cable along this boom to eliminate all manual propelling of the floats and complete the illusion of magic.

The people of Bend have created a pageant which deserves to be rated with Portland's annual Rose Festival and Eugene's triennial pageants as an event worthy of state-wide support and nation-wide attention. Thousands of visitors to this state will

route their vacation journeys to include this unique and beautiful entertainment. Every year, by all means, Eugene should be represented in it.

A centenarian has false teeth made from the tusk of an elephant. They are very satisfactory, except for their tendency to snap at a Democrat.

President Roosevelt did right well with his acceptance speech, considering the brief notice he had of his renomination.

WASHINGTON LETTER

By RODNEY DUTCHER

(Register-Guard Washington Correspondent)
 WASHINGTON, July 7.—In a spectacle probably unparalleled in American history, the Department of Labor will soon break up more than 2800 presumably happy families and start bundling some members off to foreign lands while many of those allowed to remain go on relief.

That is to say, Secretary Frances Perkins and her immigration officials will do that if they decide to obey the law promptly.

Senator Bob Reynolds of North Carolina is entitled to full credit for this peculiar state of affairs. In fact, he welcomes it.

It was his filibusters and objections to the Kerr-Coolidge alien deportation bill which killed that measure in the last session.

The bill would have made possible the deportation of 20,000 criminal aliens in the country and at the same time have given the department of Labor, State, and Justice discretionary power to halt deportation of 2802 aliens of good character who entered the country illegally years ago and whose deportation now would work hardship on others, including many American citizens.

Cruel Separations Involved

"Ninety-eight per cent of the 2802 cases which have been stayed involve cruel family separations," Immigration Commissioner Daniel W. McCormack wrote to Congress, "the punishment of innocent American citizens, and the imposition on our states and communities of the burden of caring for a new group of dependents."

But at the session's end, when Senator Schwellenbach of Washington tried to persuade Reynolds to consent to a measure which would make possible the deportation of the 20,000 alien criminals and merely carry a resolution permitting the Labor Department to delay deportation of the 2802 until Congress met again, Reynolds still stood in the way by blocking a unanimous consent agreement. He discussed the case of one alien whose foreign name he found so funny that he rolled it around his tongue for other senators to laugh at.

That left 12-year-old Fahia Abdul Nour—to use one example—wondering quite properly what would happen next. His widowed mother took him from Syria to Mexico years ago. When she became seriously ill, his uncle took him, illegally, to stay with relatives in Iowa.

His mother has since entered the country legally, remarried, and made a home for him. But Fahia Abdul Nour is deportable under the law.

Families To Be Sundered

There are many other such sad stories. McCormack says the records show that the 2802 cases have a total of 8589 close relatives—wives, children, husbands, or parents, legal residents of the country, of whom 4665 are American citizens.

Two-thirds of those relatives are dependent on the alien subject to deportation. The deportable aliens themselves cannot become American citizens, because—to join family or relatives, to find a refuge from oppression, or for more economic gain—they committed the offense of illegal entry.

Many crossed or recrossed land borders, ignorant of their "crime."

The cases of Lena and Janet Hendel were two of those heard by the House immigration committee recently. They are married to brothers, both naturalized citizens.

Lena has three little boys, the oldest 8, who are American citizens. Janet has two little daughters and a young son. Both said they would rather die than be separated from their children.

Victims Of Racket

The Hendel sisters and numerous others say they bought papers they supposed to be valid in Berlin in 1925 and 1927 and came with them to the United States. A former U. S. vice consul has since committed suicide, following exposure of the racket.

Petitions are being sent to the Labor Department, urging further delay in the deportation. Secretary Perkins and McCormack are sympathetic, having made a long fight for the 2802 deportables after exhaustive investigation as to character and other circumstances in each case.

The immigration law demands arrest and deportation. The only possible "out" is in the fact that the law doesn't say exactly when such persons should be apprehended.

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AN EDITORIAL ON HEALTH

By DR. MORRIS FISHER

Editor, Journal of the American Medical Association, and of Hygiene, the Health Magazine

CERTAIN diseases can be prevented in most instances by inoculations. These are smallpox, diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, typhoid fever, and chickenpox.

Even though smallpox is rare, every child should be vaccinated against it by the family doctor. The best time for this is usually from the third to the sixth month.

For delicate children, vaccination against smallpox may be postponed until the child is better developed. If a child happens to be suffering from a skin disease of any sort, vaccination also may be temporarily postponed.

The best place for vaccination is that portion of the body which is most easily protected and which may be kept at rest. For small babies, who have not begun to crawl on the floor, the leg is preferred, particularly in girls.

Modern physicians must be far-sighted in regard to matters of dress, and must look forward to the time when the young lady will be wearing an evening gown. For boys, the arm is just as satisfactory as the leg.

When vaccination is done on the leg of older children, they should not be allowed to walk while the vaccination is sore or painful.

If a vaccination does not succeed, this does not necessarily indicate that the child is immune to smallpox. It is rather to be taken as an indication that vaccination will again be necessary in two or three weeks.

Vaccination against smallpox may be repeated at intervals of seven to 10 years. It should also be repeated at any time that smallpox is prevalent in the community.

We know now that vaccination eradicates smallpox. It is, however, impossible to secure universal vaccination and, because of danger of occasional outbreaks, children must be vaccinated regularly.

Against diphtheria we now have available a highly useful inoculation with toxoid. It is so mild in its reactions and so certain in its effects that physicians in general have discontinued preliminary tests of the skin to see whether the child is immune to diphtheria, and instead recommend universal application of the toxoid inoculation.

It is best given to children before the time of their entrance to school.

In children who live in cities, toxoid inoculation is best given between the sixth and 12th months. In children housed in institutions, such as orphan asylums or protective homes, inoculation against diphtheria may be practiced in the third month.

Millions of children have been inoculated with toxoid without harmful results.

Inoculations against scarlet fever, typhoid fever, and other infectious diseases that have been mentioned are not generally recommended as a routine.

Whether such inoculations are to be applied should be left to the family doctor, who will make his decision on the basis of the prevalence of the disease in the community and the likelihood of infection of the individual child.

SIDE GLANCES



"It's easy to see which of their grandparents they'd rather visit."

Bride Is Honored At Shower By Club

The Meadowview Ladies' club members, assisted by Mrs. Stanford Matheson, of Cascade summit and Mrs. C. W. Dwigans, entertained at a shower at the home of Mrs. Charles Deming the past week, honoring Mrs. Deming's daughter, Mrs. Warren W. De Maris (Leola Deming), whose marriage was an event of Saturday morning. The afternoon was spent in visiting and in viewing the many gifts received by the bride.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Dwigans, Mrs. Hofer, Mrs. Matheson, Miss Shirley Schrenk, and Miss Hazel Middleton.

Guests present were: Mrs. F. E. Deming, grandmother of the honor guest, Mrs. Frank Deming, Mrs. C. J. Deming, Mrs. Ernest Duckworth, and Mrs. N. Anderson of Elmira, Mrs. Mary Hale, Mrs. Farnes Hale, Mrs. Charlie Bailey and daughters Melba and Maxine and Mrs. Herb Buttle of Noli, Mrs. Frederick De Maris of Tacoma, Washington, Miss Hazel Middleton of Grandview, Washington, Mrs. Ray Haines of Eugene, Mrs. Benton Schrenk of Cottage Grove, Mrs. Stanford Matheson of Cascade Summit, Mrs. Bilderback and daughter June of Santa Clara, and Mrs. R. B. Bond, Mrs. Mary Coldren, Mrs. Jack Waterman, Mrs. Harold Shelton, Mrs. Charles Shelton, Mrs. Montgomery, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Flanagan, Mrs. De Young, Mrs. Ray Hofer, Mrs. J. Hofer, Mrs. George Danielson, Mrs. James Baker, Mrs. Harry Schrenk, and daughters Shirley and Norma, Mrs. Chas. Deming, Mrs. Woods and daughters Marjorie and Arnetta, Mrs. Al Hostick, Mrs. C. W. Dwigans, and Mrs. Edna Johns of Meadowview, Mrs. Delma Weber of Junction City, Mrs. Agnes Hildebrand of Bear Creek, and the guest of honor.

Calendar

Tuesday

3 p. m.—Meeting of division two of M. E. Aid society, followed by supper at 4 p. m., at home of Mrs. A. E. Edholm.

6 p. m.—University summer session faculty picnic, Swimmers' Delight.

7:30 p. m.—Tres Jolies club meeting at the home of Mrs. James Searle.

7:30 p. m.—Zeta Tau Alpha alumnae meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Marlette.

8 p. m.—Women of Moose meeting, Moose hall.

Wednesday

All day meeting of Women's Guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church, at parish hall.

All day meeting of Women's Council of First Christian church, at church.

10 a. m.—W. C. T. U. meeting, followed by picnic and afternoon meeting, Skinner Butte park.

12 noon—Luncheon and afternoon of golf for women at Country club.

2 p. m.—Meeting of Chapter AY of P. E. O. Sisterhood at the home of Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed.

2:30 p. m.—Silver tea of Alpha Missionary circle of First Baptist church at the home of Mrs. E. E. Hewitt.

3:30 p. m.—Pi Lambda Theta tea, Gerlinger hall.

8 p. m.—Catholic Daughters of America meeting, St. Joseph's hall.

Turkeys, in their natural state, root in trees.

Radium has a devastating effect on disease-causing bacteria, Dr. Otto Meyer, of Berlin, has discovered.

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SOCIETY QUIET AFTER HOLIDAY

Informal Events For Visitors Main News

BUT few social events are on the mid-week calendar—most folk taking time out to catch up following the double holiday week-end. Informal entertaining for visitors continues as the major social news; although several organizations have events arranged in the way of picnics and teas.

HOME FROM CONVENTION

Miss Amy Dunn has returned to Eugene from Lake Placid, New York, where she was an alumnae delegate to the national convention of Delta Gamma sorority. Miss Dunn has spent the past winter at Stanford university. She is visiting here for the summer as guest of Mrs. Howard A. Hall.

HOME FROM ALASKA

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Johnson have returned from two weeks trip to Alaska.

IN PORTLAND

Mrs. W. E. Buchanan Sr. and daughter, Miss Kee Buchanan, are spending a few days in Portland.

VISIT HERE

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jamison, former residents of Eugene, were here for the holiday week-end, visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Selin in Springfield.

VISITS FROM PORTLAND

Miss Geneva Stafford of Portland spent the week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stafford of Goshen, and with her grandmother, Mrs. Cora B. Rhodes of Eugene. Miss Stafford was graduated from the University of Oregon and now has a position in Portland. She is a member of Delta Delta Delta sorority on the campus.

VISITORS RETURN

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Handsaker and son, Gene, of San Diego, Cal., who have been visiting relatives in

Lane county, have left for their home. They were to stop at Crater lake and the Oregon caves while going south. Mr. Handsaker formerly lived in Lane county, having been born here. He last visited here eight years ago.

GOLF DAY PLANNED

The weekly golf day for women of the Country club will be held Wednesday. There will be luncheon at noon, followed by a two-ball four-some.

HOSTESS TO GROUP

Mrs. Genevieve Turnipseed will entertain at her home Wednesday for a meeting of Chapter AY of the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

TEA IS WEDNESDAY

Among social events of interest for Wednesday will be the tea being given by members of Pi Lambda Theta, women's national education honorary. The event will be from three until five o'clock in Gerlinger hall on the campus. All members of Pi Lambda Theta visiting here, and all women interested in education are invited.

GUILD MEETING

The Women's Guild of St. Mary's Episcopal church will hold its regular meeting Wednesday. Mrs. A. H. McDonald will be in charge of the luncheon at noon. The meeting will be at the parish house.

MEETING WEDNESDAY

The Catholic Daughters of America are to hold their regular meeting on Wednesday evening at St. Joseph's hall.

CHURCH GROUP MEETING

The Women's council of the First Christian church is to meet Wednesday at the church.

W. C. T. U. EVENT

The Central group of the W. C. T. U. is to meet Wednesday for a picnic and program in Skinner Butte park. The meeting will take up at ten o'clock in the morning, followed by the picnic

Alumnae Planning Picnic July 20 Meeting Held

PHI Mu alumnae were planning Monday evening by Miss Lora Buchanan and Mrs. Scott Williams at home of the former.

The group made plans to have annual picnic on Monday, July 20, Swimmers' Delight. This year given annually for all alumnae active members and pledges to be over the summer. Miss Pearl M. Buchanan are in charge of the picnic this year. The next regular meeting of the group comes a month Monday evening.

Those attending the meeting Monday evening were Miss Mary Margaret, Mrs. Richard Gaskie, Mrs. R. Selin, Miss Pearl Murphy, Miss M. McDonald, Mrs. Robert M. Selin, Jr., Miss Margaret De Maris, Miss Helga Myrnes, Miss M. M. tertion, Miss Marcel Jackson, Miss Scott Williams, and Miss Lora Buchanan.

Girl Scout Picnic

Girl Scouts troop, No. 4, is holding a picnic at Dilley's Riverside on Friday. Each girl is to take her picnic lunch. Troop committee members also are invited. Those going asked to call Mrs. Zola Bates. The group is to leave the Church at nine o'clock Friday morning for picnic grounds.

MEETING THURSDAY

The W. B. A. lodge is meeting Thursday evening at eight o'clock the Moose hall.

NOT MEETING IN JULY

The Fairmount Presbyterian Lay Aid society is not meeting during month of July.

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