

# Eastern Clackamas News

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## WILL TAXES BE LOWER?

"Lower taxes" is the universal cry nowadays, and candidates for office usually come out on a platform of economy and a plan to reduce taxes. But it does not as a rule mean anything.

Sure, everybody wants their taxes lowered, and do everything within their power to have their assessments decreased and try to show cause why they should pay so much less than their neighbor. We all want our own expense cut but we want to see the other fellow's increased instead of reduced.

Everybody wants lower taxes and everybody is putting up a plea for more of the things received from the money paid as taxes. We say that the expenditures should be cut, but few can agree on where to start chopping. Of course we can't start on the schools. And everybody wants good roads, more good roads all the time. We wouldn't think of cutting out the agricultural agent, or the law enforcement officers, or our fire departments. In fact there is no place any considerable cut can be made for the simple reason that the public will not stand for it.

The people who spend the public funds try to please the people they have been chosen to serve. If the communities would agree to deny themselves and allow tax reduction, it would come. But there is more of a possibility of taxes being higher than there is that they will be lower, because we all are demanding the things that can be made possible only through high taxes.

## POULTRY RAISING AS A BUSINESS

Winlock, up in Lewis county, Washington, is now considered one of the leading egg producing centers in the Northwest, and is said to be near equal to that of Petaluma, California. In that community you will find few people who are considered "well to do" but you will find few who are not making money out of the poultry business. Most of those people engaged in the business are firs who started on a small scale and as they learned the business they gradually increased their flocks.

Eastern Clackamas county is just as well suited to the industry as is the country surrounding Winlock. The climate is just as favorable, the soil and drainage is ideal and green feeds for winter can be produced here just as easily, possibly more easily, and there is little difference in labor and marketing conditions here and in Lewis county, Washington.

Most failures in the poultry business are due to the beginner starting on too large a scale, and to the failure of the man or woman to apply themselves to the task of properly caring for their flocks. Chickens require care, possibly more care than dairy cows, but if they are given that care, the returns are large. Don't go into the business with the idea that you can turn out the flock and let them rustle for themselves and all you will have to do is go out once a day and gather the eggs and market them. If you try this plan, there will be no eggs to gather.

Every family living on a farm can take care of a small flock at little expense and with little care, but if you go in for production and for real profits, it is a different story, entirely. There are many bulletins you can get from the department of agriculture which you should have and study before investing very much in poultry, but if you will arrange to start with a small flock and as you learn more of the methods of handling them for profit increase gradually, you will make a success of it.

This spring is a fine time to start and you can buy day old chicks locally at very reasonable prices. You will not fail if you apply yourself and learn the business from the ground up.

## OIL FAMINE REMOTE

Last week the second report of the Oil Conservation board, composed of the secretaries of the interior, war, navy and commerce, was made to President Coolidge, and discussed the problem of meeting the ever-increasing demand for gasoline and other petroleum products.

The report stated that "an oil famine is not imminent, but prudence must always envisage the possibility of an oil shortage." Looking forward to the time when natural supplies of crude oil will be depleted, it is stated that the production of liquid fuel from shales, coal and even corn are among the possibilities, whenever the demand is sufficient to warrant the expense of converting these raw materials for such use.

Commendation is given to the oil industry, not only for its co-operation with the board, but for its constructive efforts toward conservation, both by the adoption of better methods of production and by improvements in refining processes, whereby much more gasoline and other useful products are obtained from each barrel of crude oil than formerly.

During the last week in June, 1927, a daily production of 2,587,105 barrels of crude oil in the United States broke all records. Daily production at present is approximately 2,400,000 barrels, which is considerably above current requirements.

This enormous production can hardly be maintained indefinitely, however, and it is well that government agencies, as well as the oil industry, are looking many years ahead with a view to developing new sources of gasoline supply.

## RING OUT THE OLD—RING IN THE NEW

"Farming methods are changing from the mule and small plow to tractors and modern equipment, as diversified farming replaces the old one-crop system in eastern Carolina, says a Raleigh, North Carolina, news item.

A. T. Holman, agricultural engineer at state college, states that the tractor that is adapted to planting, cultivating and harvesting as well as plowing, disking and belt work is finding a warm reception among farmers.

It would seem that the influence of the tractor on agriculture will be endless. Significantly, diversified farming and crop rotation increased along with the increase in the use of the tractor. Modern farming demands efficiency and speed that old equipment was unable to give.

Ninety-eight per cent of the ex-service men of this and surrounding communities, it is estimated, was present Friday night when the local post of the American Legion entertained the state officers and members of other posts of the district. Due to the bad weather in Portland and other places the outside attendance was not as large as was expected, but the officers of the local post are more than pleased with the response of the local exservice men.

This post of the Legion has established a mark that will be hard to equal by other posts in the state, and one in which every ex-service man in the community should take a great deal of pride.

Among the many inquiries being made by the Federal Trade commission is an investigation of trade practices of mop manufacturers, who have been called upon to explain how they conduct their business. Won't it be grand when we can be assured that there is no mop trust?

Dr. William McAndrews has recently been delivering an interesting lecture entitled "Life Among the Boneheads." The learned doctor was recently ousted from the superintendency of Chicago's schools at the instigation of Mayor "Big Bill" Thompson, therefore should be well qualified to discuss his subject.

The opinion of the editor of the News will be expressed each week on this page. If you fail to agree with us on any subject, we will gladly accept your apology. We invite our readers to express their opinions at all times on matters of public interest. Your signature will not be published if you request that it not be.

Do not lay this paper aside until you have read the ads. And you will save time and money if you make out your shopping list from them. Patronize those who are interested enough in getting your business to make a bid for it.

About the most important news we can get from Oregon City of late is that Mr. Whoosit will not be a candidate for the office of milk bottle inspector. And we were so sure that he would be a candidate this year.

New York stock exchange seats sold as high as \$310,000 a piece last year. This is more than a ringside seat will cost at the next Tunney-Dempsey fight.

Now it's an open question which will last longer the New Year's resolution or the Christmas jewelry.

This is apt to be a prosperous year for most of us—providing we work hard enough to make it so.

There is every indication to believe that 1928 will be the greatest year in the history of Estacada.

## Twelve Years Ago in Estacada

From The Estacada Progress of January 27, 1916

The rental on the Estacada Park pavilion, through the efforts of R. M. Townsend has been reduced from \$10 to \$6 per night.

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Estacada State Bank was held Friday. Those present were Leroy B. Walker, L. A. and F. F. Brandes of Portland, Thos. Yocum and Irvin D. Wright of Estacada, all of whom were well satisfied with the progress of the institution during the past year.

The Sandy commercial club and residents of that district held a meeting Saturday to ask for state aid in having the proposed Mt. Hood road pass through their town. Eastern Clackamas wants to see Sandy get that road and the taxpayers' league should join with them, if the added support and prestige is needed.

The Clackamas county teachers' institute will be held in the Estacada school building Saturday.

Jack Saunders of Currinsville is buying cattle locally for a Montana concern.

A movement is under way in Estacada to unite the different churches of the city into a community organization.

The first political meeting of the year is to be held Monday afternoon at the Family theatre. The meeting is called by George C. Brownell and others from the lower end of the county.

Notice is given of the discontinuance of the automobile passenger service between Springwater and Portland by E. F. Donahue.

Buyer Lucke shipped 110 hogs from Estacada last week, paying as high as \$6.75 per cwt. for them.

A meeting was held Wednesday in Ely's hall in Currinsville and a branch of the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers' league was formed. John Ely was chosen president and A. H. Erickson secretary and treasurer.

## Worthwhile Editorials

### Pneumonia Preventable

This is the pneumonia season. The pneumonia toll for 1927 was 606. Pneumonia is one of the most prevalent and fatal of all acute diseases. As a cause of death it exceeds tuberculosis. Pneumonia is a communicable disease and is to a certain extent preventable. In this state it is a reportable disease and all cases should be placed in restrictive quarantine. Special quarters should be provided and the patient should be isolated from the other members of the family. If these restrictions are not followed the health officer may place an absolute quarantine on the premises. These conditions provide that if the family allow visitors in the sick room or if the family be so careless as to permit contagion to be spread, the case shall be promptly quarantined. However, if your case of pneumonia is isolated, and is kept isolated, you will not be quarantined.

This rule was not written as a joke or without forethought, for pneumonia is a contagious disease. It is not so much as smallpox or diphtheria but still contagious to a degree. It is just another one of those germ diseases caused by the "pneumococcus" in true pneumonia and by one of a number of organisms in other types of the disease.

In common with other throat, bronchial and lung infections, pneumonia is characterized by coughing; and this coughing, defined as sudden forced expiratory noise, expels by reason of its force not only solid or liquid matter that may be in the throat or lungs, but a fine spray as well. That fine spray, if from a diseased throat, is poisonous, and to breathe it into your healthy throat is about as safe a procedure as jay-walking blindfolded across Broadway. You may get across without being pushed over, of course. The law of averages takes care of that, and the law of averages, qualified by the state of your health and resistant force, has a great deal to do with you if you breathe this deadly spray. Keep away from it just as you would keep away from other communicable diseases.

Sleep right, eat right, and live right, and get some joy out of life. You may miss a good time now and then but you can't have everything. Build a good resistance to disease. Take care of yourself. Keep away from the "sneezers" and "coughers" and you and pneumonia will very likely remain strangers.—Prepared by Oregon State Board of Health.

### American Telephones Do the "Impossible"

The year 1927 was one of the most notable in history. No longer is telephone communication limited by our country's boundaries.

During the year, transatlantic service was established and found practical, paving the way for greater speed and efficiency in international business and foreign relations. In addition, the telephone lines of America were linked with those of Mexico, and Canadian service was much improved and increased. Television became an actuality, and on April 7, a group of people saw the face of Herbert Hoover, 250 miles away, as he talked over the telephone to Walter Gifford, president of the A.American Telephone and Telegraph company. Thus science overcomes seeming impossibility.—The Manufacturer.

### All Can Help

The progress of a community does not depend merely on the enterprise and activity of its leading business men and organizations.

Every clerk who works in a store, every mechanic in his factory, every farmer in his field, every housewife in her home, each one has some effect on the future of that community.

If the salesman is actively pushing for new patronage and to please old customers, he help the city's retail business to grow. If the mechanic is efficient, he assists his employer to sell more goods. If the farmer is diligent and scientific, he adds to the resources of the neighborhood. If the housewife improves the home place, she promotes the city's reputation for culture and finish. We all have to do our share to secure the development of our community.—St. Helens Mist.

### OH! WHAT A LIFE!

One of the candidates in the big circulation campaign of the News, expresses himself in this way:—

"Don't You Just Love—  
The man who lets his subscription to the home town paper expire and after them continuing to send it for a year or two, and when they finally stop sending it, calls the editor and the whole office all kinds of sweet, unpleasant names?"

Or the man who refuses to subscribe at all to his home paper, but who rushes to his neighbor's house the day the paper comes to read the news?

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