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## THE SALES TAX

Will Benefit County, City, School and Port—Enacted as Farm Relief

"There are so many people who do not now pay taxes who fear they will pay \$10 or \$12 a year for the support of state, county and municipal government, if the sales tax is adopted, that I am fearful of the result," was the conclusion of L. A. Liljeqvist's talk to a room full of interested voters in the city hall Wednesday evening.

But there was nowhere near the audience that should have heard an excellent presentation of the reasons why the sales tax should be adopted as Mr. Liljeqvist made. And his accompanying statement that he did not know what the counties, the cities, the school districts would do if the law was defeated, should give every thinking voter pause.

The state gets its tax money from the counties first, and if there is anything left the local subdivisions are then paid. For the first half tax, due May 5, Coos county had to dig up about \$4,000 more than was paid in by taxpayers to balance its account with the state—for the first half, leaving nothing for county, or cities or schools—and should the last half prove as disappointing in tax receipts, how will the schools be able to continue, or the county's functions, and the cities?

Mr. Liljeqvist opened his remarks with the statement that he did not believe in single tax; that its theories had been exploded by economists years ago.

And he went further to say that thanks to single tax activities we now have on the state's statute books a law which requires that 950,000 voters in the state be educated on every tax matter coming up; that the referendum can be invoked on any tax measure, and the voter who knows absolutely nothing about political economy, or taxes, can selfishly have his say about whether state and local government has a cent for necessary expenses.

A brief explanation by Mr. Liljeqvist of what the law proposes is that there is a \$50 a month exemption so that the very small merchant, doing less than \$600 a year, will not have to pay a tax on his sales. Nor does the tax have to be paid on charge accounts. It is not collectible until the cash is received.

All professional service business, such as the compensation of doctors, lawyers, dentists, etc., must pay the two per cent tax, but there is no tax on wages or salaries.

The manufacturer or wholesaler will pay three-fourths of one per cent.

It is the farmer who will be the greatest beneficiary of the sales tax and why the farmer should not be 100 per cent for it is hard to understand. Everything he sells for resale is exempt from the sales tax and practically all farm products enter this class. Beside that all his personal property tax will be reduced and the \$10 or \$12 sales tax he might pay on annual purchases of \$500 to \$600, would hardly be a drop in the bucket to what his savings will be.

Mr. Liljeqvist had secured from official sources and displayed on large lettered cards, a great amount of statistics showing public debts, what the relief from personal property taxes and from reduction in real property taxes would be and the estimates of what the sales tax law will produce.

In Mississippi the farmers and merchants organized and fought for years to prevent the enactment of a sales tax law. Gov. Corner persisted, however, and finally had it passed by the legislature with a majority of one vote. Those who opposed it the most strenuously are now its most ardent supporters, and there is even talk of raising the tax above the present two per cent figure. In that state, which is one of the 16 in the United States having a sales tax law, the estimate was that the tax would produce \$162,000 per month. Last year it actually did produce \$340,000 a month. The average per capita sales tax paid in Mississippi is figured at \$1.38.

Referring to the tax delinquencies in the state of Oregon, which were 7.57 per cent in 1929, 16.79 per cent in 1930; 30.73 per cent in 1931 and 44.72 per cent in 1932, Mr. Liljeqvist argued that to continue levying all tax on property is bankrupting the state. "The sales tax is based on the ability to spend" and he agreed with Chas. V. Galloway who said here last week, "There are too many leaneers in

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## Roseburg Expects to Win

Sunday's baseball game will see two of the three tied leading teams of the Southern Oregon League battling for supremacy at the local ball park. Roseburg, under the leadership of "Red" Rupert, has won three games and lost one, as have the Coquille Loggers.

Al Turpin, ex-Coast Leaguer, is the pitching ace of the Prune-pickers, but that he can do any better job of handcuffing the Loggers than can Young Murray, Gilbert and McHale in setting down the Prune-pickers is very doubtful.

Manager Fortier will have his full strength on hand Sunday, which includes "Chick" Hauser behind the plate and Noble Brundage in center field.

On Monday the Loggers will play the Marshfield Merchants team at Athletic Park here, as a practice for the Fourth of July game which the Loggers will play Tuesday at Crescent City.

Both games here will start at 2 o'clock.

## Town to Be Closed Monday

Housekeepers and food buyers are again reminded to do their buying tomorrow (Saturday) for a three-day period. Practically all places of business in Coquille are to be closed from Saturday night until next Wednesday morning.

## FLOWER SHOW IS ON TODAY

Coquille's seventh annual Flower Show is in display today in the Community Building and a lovely picture it makes.

Notwithstanding the lateness of the season and the spring's rainy and disagreeable weather, there is a wonderful display on the well-arranged tables. Beautiful blossoms of every kind of flower and plant grown in this section, shrubbery, song birds, rock gardens, miniature home garden and an art display, make it one of the most attractive exhibits ever shown here, although it may be not quite as large.

In the art department, to the left as one enters the front door, are seen paintings and pencil sketches by Mrs. Edna Kern, her pupils and others, garden snap shots and Oregon scenes taken by C. K. Norcott. One of the old-time garden scene collections of views which should not be overlooked is of Mrs. Ida Owen. The picture was taken in the days when ladies wore ground-sweeping dresses and flower garden hats.

In the main room possibly the most interesting exhibit is Mrs. Beyers' two fish bowls. In one the gold fish spawn are just hatching and in the other the tiny fish are from two weeks to three months of age.

The exhibits by Bergen's and the Coos Bay Nursery, which do not enter in competition, are lovely and add considerably to the beauty of the fairland scene.

Geo. W. Taylor and the Myrtle Greenhouses have combined their exhibits into a very effective display, which attracts the eye of every visitor. Mr. Taylor's heather is the only thing of its kind there, as well as his graceful silk oak.

Delphiniums probably dominate the show in number of entries, followed by Canterbury bells, poppies, sweet peas in a surprisingly large number, in all the delicate shades, cactus and succulent plants, pansies, roses, lilies, potted plants and there are even four early dahlias on display. Aspidistra, schizanthus, a strawberry begonia, candytuft, Christmas cactus, columbine and a pot of Johnny-jump-ups are a few of the many splendid exhibits which go to make the Coquille Flower Show one of the most beautiful in southwestern Oregon.

There is to be no program this evening, the opening exercises at 2:30 this afternoon concluding the formalities. At that time Mayor J. Arthur Berg is to deliver an address of welcome; the Flower Lovers Club cup, won by Mrs. Clifford Kern for her displays at club meetings during the past year will be presented by Alton H. Grimes; and a song, "Wish Blossoms," by Eloise Wilson and dedicated to Geo. W. Taylor, will conclude the program.

Mr. Taylor, president of the club, and whose untiring efforts have helped produce the real flower-loving spirit in Coquille, is one of the main factors in making the show a success, but there are many others whose interest in horticulture is as keen, and they all co-operate in producing what Coquille witnesses today.

The show is open all afternoon and evening and everyone is heartily welcome to come and see what flower culture is doing in Coquille.

## THE C. C. C. CAMPS

Capt. Callon Talks to Lions Club on What the Boys Are to Do This Summer

Capt. N. E. Callon, in charge of the C. C. C. camp at Fairview, was a guest at the Lions Club luncheon yesterday and spoke interestingly of the camp, the boys, what they are going to do, and asked the co-operation of Coquille citizens when the boys are in town. The first week they were in here all hours of the day and night, but regulations are now in force which permit them to come in only on Saturday afternoon and Sunday.

Capt. Callon warned against the purchase of any government property, the buyer as well as the seller being liable to punishment.

Addressing his remarks to Sheriff Hess, the captain asked that leniency be shown for the first minor offense that might be committed. For a second or for a more serious offense he had no request to make.

The boys at the Fairview camp, all of whom are between 13 and 25 years of age, come entirely from central Nebraska, from the farms and towns of 2000 or 3000. He has found them a very likeable bunch and easy to get along with, notwithstanding some assignments of punishment duty, such as removing a huge stump at the camp.

He has the authority to dismiss from the camp any undesirable; he can grant or withhold leave permits; in fact he is in complete command.

One thing he cautioned Coquille merchants to consider, that of extending credit. He added that he would not make any effort, beyond a recommendation that any account be paid, to help collect it.

Including the fifteen woodsmen from this section the boys will have a total of about \$1,000 to \$1200 a month to spend. It is part of the federal regulation that \$25 of the \$30 a month each receives shall be sent to his dependents.

The boys at the Fairview camp are a firefighting unit. About 50 of them are to be sent to a temporary camp near Denmark to assist in fighting any forest fire which may start in that section.

Another detachment is to build fire towers, four in number. One of them is to be near Leneve and another between Bridge and Remote. Still another near Broadbent.

The Fairview camp is also a distributing camp for all the camps in Coos county.

Lieut.-Col. Jno. B. Johnson, who came in with the boys a couple of weeks ago, left Sunday, having been ordered to report to his former station in the east.

Several trucks were here Monday to transport to the McKinley C. C. C. camp the 160 young men who arrived here that morning. Major Renaldo Coe is commanding officer of that camp. The boys out there will be engaged in road building, the program calling for a road up Middle creek into the Tioga country.

At Powers the company is also to engage in road building, starting at China Flat, above Powers, where they are located, and building seven or eight miles of road up over the mountains.

Capt. Callon stated that the camp was in the market for provisions, other than staple groceries. He has authority to buy meats, vegetables, fruits, butter, milk, etc., but it will have to be at prices prevailing generally under keen competition. He said the allowance for the camp was 32 cents per day per person. Not much he said, but he could provide good wholesome food at such a figure, in the quantities he must purchase.

## Hardware-Chicken Ranch Deal

Paul Walker is again in possession of the hardware store on First street which John Leneve has owned for several months, and which has been conducted by Lans Leneve. The latter did not like the indoor confinement, and the deal included what has been known as "the chicken ranch," at the foot of the mountain in Fairview valley. Mr. Leneve takes possession of the ranch and Mr. and Mrs. Lans Leneve expect to move out there today or tomorrow. They will engage in the chicken raising business.

It is possible that the C. L. Willey plumbing shop will be moved to the hardware store.

For the present E. R. Oliver is managing the hardware store, and Mr. Walker is not certain yet whether he will be actively engaged at the store or will do something else.

## NON-HIGH BOARD

Those Elected Met With County Superintendent Here Wednesday

The Non-High School board of Coos county held its first meeting on Wednesday, June 28th. All members, including W. M. Hillar, Adam Donaldson, Jr., Neil O. Watson, J. W. Powell, J. N. Gearhart and Martha E. Mulkey, were present. J. N. Gearhart was elected chairman and Neil Watson vice chairman. At this meeting the board went on record as favoring the allowing of transportation of non-high school pupils. It was agreed that children living within two miles of the high school building not be allowed transportation. Also that any pupils who were found not to be benefiting by the schooling which they were receiving were to be denied transportation. This decision was made because the non-high school board realized the tremendous burden being borne by taxpayers and felt that only worthy students should be helped.

The non-high school board will act upon bids submitted to said board by the high school districts on July 8th; therefore all persons interested in submitting bids should get in touch with the high school boards at once for the details will be handled by the high school boards rather than the county board, and the results will be submitted to the non-high school board on July 8th.

The count of the ballots for the non-high school districts which was made by the district boundary board revealed the following:

Zone 1, W. M. Hillar, 850.  
Zone 2, Adam Donaldson Jr., 622; R. T. Whitty, 259.  
Zone 3, Neil O. Watson, 870.  
Zone 4, W. E. Cross, 357; J. W. Powell, 537.  
Zone 5, J. N. Gearhart, 834.

Addition names which did not appear on the ballot were: T. M. Stover 10, O. G. Bunch 1, Al Bexosky 1, Don McPherson 24, Gust Roos 2.

The non-high school law makes provision that the candidate receiving the highest number of votes should act as the five-year man, the one next in order four-year, etc. Therefore the directors will hold office as follows:

5-yr. Director—Neil O. Watson.  
4-yr. Director—W. M. Hillar.  
3-yr. Director—J. N. Gearhart.  
2-yr. Director—Adam Donaldson Jr.  
1-yr. Director—J. W. Powell.

## Salaries Reduced Six Per Cent

The directors of school district No. 8 have had two or three meetings since the annual school election discussing plans, schedules, etc., for the coming school year. One thing that has been decided is that teachers' contracts, when signed, shall be for a four and one-half month's period and at the end of that time the board will decide whether the 1933-34 school year shall be for eight or for nine months.

The board is also calling for bids for transportation of high school pupils from non-high school districts. Three routes are contemplated: One from Fairview, Cunningham and Riverside; one from McKinley and Johnson's Mill; and one from Coaledo. Notice of the call appears elsewhere in this issue. Bids must be submitted by July 6.

At a meeting of the board last evening it was decided to contract all teachers at salaries which mean an average of 6 or 7 per cent reduction. One teacher is not reduced at all and the highest cut is eight per cent.

Replying to the request for bids from the Non-High School Districts Board, for high school tuition here next year, the board set the figure at \$80 per pupil on an annual basis, or 50 cents per pupil figuring on the basis of daily attendance. The first figure is extremely close to the amount the board figures as the annual cost per pupil of maintaining the high school.

## Power Bill Not on Ballot

Since the item on page four of this issue, referring to the measures on the ballot next month, was printed, we are informed by County Clerk Oddy that the Grange Power bill will not be up for vote. A telegram from Secretary of State Hoes advises that an injunction was granted by the Marion circuit court.

## Grange to Meet July 6

The next meeting of the Grange on Thursday evening, July 6, will be open to the public after 8:30 p. m. and everyone is invited to hear L. A. Liljeqvist's talk on the sales tax.

## Its Eye in Its Mouth

Mrs. Mary Olsen, whose ranch is over on Fat Elk adjoining the oil well property, brought into the Sentinel last Monday a freak of nature. It was a bull frog, seven or eight inches long with but one eye. The place where the other eye should have been was as smooth and perfect a green skin as the rest of its body. But it had a second eye where one would least expect it. When its mouth was open up in the roof was a perfectly shaped eye, out of which the thing could evidently see, but which could not move around as the other eye did. This second eye looked straight ahead. The frog looks poor and thin, as though the misplacement of its organ of sight interfered with its ability to eat.

Another expression of nature's infinite variety was a stalk of dairy plantain which Joe Collier brought in Saturday. He found it along the highway between the dike and his place three miles below town. This plantain had three heads, in the shape of a trident, growing from a single stalk. However, the stalk was flat and wide, indicating that probably three stalks had merged in their growth from the root, though each still retained the power to reproduce itself through its blossom and seed. All the other plants where Mr. Collier picked this one were normal, single stem and single headed.

## A. E. HOWE DIED YESTERDAY

Amos Eugene Howe, after an illness of several months, passed away at 6:20 yesterday morning at his home on the Marshfield highway.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Saturday, afternoon at two o'clock in the chapel, and interment will be in the Masonic cemetery.

"Gene" Howe, as he was best known, had lived in Coquille for nearly a quarter of a century. He was a painter and paper hanger by trade, a competent workman, well-liked and universally respected.

He was born at Beaver Dam, Wis., Oct. 25, 1858, being 74 years, eight months and four days of age at the time of his demise.

On Feb. 23, 1881, he was united in marriage to Anna Elizabeth Baibling, at Waseca, Minn. She passed away on September 17 of last year.

Those left to mourn his loss are two daughters, Mrs. Eva May Wise, of Portland, and Mrs. Elena Minard, of Coquille, a son, Earl D. Howe, of Portland; two sisters, Mrs. Justin Ferris, with whom he made his home, and Mrs. Ella Donaldson, also of Coquille; and one brother, Elmer E. Howe, of this city. He leaves besides ten grand children and four great grand children.

## Seven Boys to Wolf Creek Camp

Seven Coquille Boy Scouts left at seven o'clock yesterday morning for two weeks at the Wolf Creek camp. It is to be a big camp this year with Scouts from all over northwestern Oregon in attendance. Local cars took the boys and equipment to Myrtle Point where E. A. Britton met them with truck and trailer. The Scouts from here will have an extra day in camp for the main part of the camp will not go until today.

The Scouts from here—Francis Arrell, Tom Henderson, Norman Ricketts, Jack Clinton, Orville Weekly, Dudley Walton and Howard Hickam—won the \$25 prize offered by a local Scout committee for the best advancement in Scouting the past year. This sum paid for the registration fee expense of the seven.

## Truck Owners to Organize

A meeting of truck owners will be held in the Community Building here tomorrow (Saturday) evening at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of forming a local organization of the Truck Owners and Farmers Protective Association. One or two men from the outside will be here to talk about the new truck law and the purpose of the meeting is to organize in Coos county and join with farmers and operators elsewhere in the state in an effort to have the law eliminated from the statute books.

## Drop Letters 2 Cents Now

Beginning tomorrow drop letter postage is to drop from three cents to two. Locally, any first class mail for delivery by city mail carrier or rural carrier, or addressed to a boxholder in this office will require but a two-cent stamp. Letters addressed to another postoffice will still require a three-cent stamp.

Calling cards 100 for \$1.00.

## ON SIDEHILL LAND

Clarence Cunningham Proving What Can Be Done Without Irrigation

Accepting the invitation of W. M. Cunningham, Smith-Hughes instructor, the Sentinel writer accompanied him to the Clarence E. Cunningham place on Cunningham creek, Wednesday afternoon. The matter of a visit at that 10-acre ranch is not so important, but what Mr. Cunningham is doing on that little hill side ranch is worthy of mention. He does have a small spring on the place which he is using to irrigate a few rows of peas which stand up nine or ten feet high and which will be ready for picking in another week or two.

But the rest of his garden stuff, all on the hillside, is growing without water.

The "C. E. Cunningham" brand of strawberries, which have been a favorite in the local market for the past few years, are well known for their luscious flavor and the clean, fresh appearance his berries always have. And those on sale in the market here are always picked early that morning. He has 22 rows, 330 feet long, and from this half acre he netted last year for his labor \$152 after paying for crates, hawks, gas and oil and several dollars for shotgun shells to protect the crop from birds and other incidental expenses. (Pretty fair return, we say.)

He also has currants, spuds, beans and a lot of garden truck and it is all doing well. He plans breaking up another half acre of land and setting out more berries this fall.

And it's all on hillside land of which there are thousands of acres in the valley which can be made as productive as Mr. Cunningham is making his place.

He is his own boss and the work is not as hard as was the logging in which he formerly engaged, at wages. There is always a market for quality stuff such as Clarence produces, and such as this Coquille valley hill land will produce if the crop is properly tended.

Another extension of activity which he contemplates is the raising of chickens. Cunningham creek offers a good water supply, after a pumping system is installed to raise the water 30 or 40 feet, and then there is nothing he cannot do with the place. Filbert trees, four years old, are just coming into bearing and he has those trees so placed that they will not interfere with his berry crop.

## Has Five Acres Fine Peas

Chris Terres, who planted five acres of peas on his place just beyond the Masonic cemetery this spring, is beginning to harvest the crop and says that he will have lots of peas for canning after the Fourth. His idea of going into pea culture was to furnish employment for those not otherwise engaged, and he has had five or six at work most of the time since he started getting the ground ready. And more than that will be required when he really gets into the picking. He has 3 1/2 to four acres of a very fine crop of stratagem peas, the rest of the hillside not doing so well.

## Ralph L. Smith Here Two Days

Ralph L. Smith, president of the Smith Wood-Products, Inc., who arrived here last Saturday evening for a two days' visit with Geo. A. Ulett, stated that all the lumber operations, mills, etc., in which he and his companies are engaged, are very active now and he was quite optimistic over the revival of a demand for lumber and wood products. He left Tuesday morning, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Margaret, and her friend, Miss Diana Herne, for the Smith summer home in Los Angeles.

## Looks Like Camp 3 May Operate

It is reported that the rentals for railroad right-of-way up Cunningham creek to old Camp 3 were paid last week. If that is true it gives color to the reports heard at Marshfield that Camp 3 will again be operated this winter, to provide logs for the Coos Bay Lumber Co. mill at Marshfield. If the camp is operated it will be in the Fairview neighborhood.

## Golf Tournament July 3

A Coos county championship tournament is scheduled to be held at the Marshfield Country Club grounds next Monday, July 3. All golfers of the county are invited to participate. There will be a lot of prizes contributed by the merchants offered for the various events. It is to be a handicap tournament.