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## From the Editor's Point of View

### Income Tax Comes to the Front

Gov. Pierce was pilloried and lambasted and excoriated by the party he didn't happen to belong to for advising an income tax. That party seconded the slush-fund work of Portland tax dodgers and they "put one over on" the cow counties and deflected the tax at the polls. They deflected Pierce for another term and elected their man for governor and thought they had the world by the tail. But they did not have their man hog tied.

Governor Patterson had been in politics so much that they expected him to play the game to its sordid limit, but he did not. When he stated that he would make appointments with a view to the best interests of the state, without regard to partisan expediency, some of them gasped and some thought he was talking through his hat.

Now he gives them a careful analysis of the state's financial condition and says he sees no road to speedy release from debt but through an income tax! And it looks as if, astounded though they be, they will take him at his word and levy that tax.

The Oregon Voter, which has led the war against the income tax in the newspaper field, says:

If Governor Patterson's income tax bill does not brand Oregon as a dangerous state in which to invest money we are for it and for it strong.

A state which got a million and a half from the income tax in a year, and then ran in debt a million and a half a year for two years without that tax, and in which new investments were greater and decrease in rural population smaller in the year of the tax than in the others, need not forego the tax on that ground.

A state with Oregon's population and which adds a million and a half a year to its debts, is no more attractive to investors than one with a just income tax.

The Harrisburg Bulletin aptly says:

The bogey about the people voting down the income tax is a joke. They have, and all other state taxes put up to them. Bald propaganda killed the income tax, most of it paid by Portland. If the question were referred to the people today without the interference of paid smoke screens, stink bombs and verbal barabages doubtless it would carry.

With the state running in debt a million and a half of dollars a year, and farmers paying much more than their share of the cost of government, is it any wonder that the farm population decreases despite all the newcomers the chambers of commerce induce to settle on farms?

It cost Los Angeles county \$150,000 to raise Asa Keyes to the pinnacle of newspaper notoriety. When he dropped back into obscurity nobody even heard a splash.

Much gilded immorality, frequent marriages and divorces, and finally penury in obscurity, are usually the lot of heirs of great wealth.

### Parent-Teachers' Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association will be at the Halsey schoolhouse tomorrow (Friday) evening at 7:45. The meeting is on founders' day. The Oakplain school is to furnish the program and we are sure that it will be an excellent one.

If you have been missing these meetings of the P.-T. A. you cannot realize how unfortunate you have been, because every one of them has been invaluable and enjoyable. It is not often that we find such admirable characteristics combined in one organization, but such are the distinctive features of the Halsey P.-T. A. Come and see for yourself.

At this meeting candy is to be sold by the Halsey school. I'm sure those who remember the selling of the cake last year will look forward to the candy sale this year. Teacher.

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This picture is presented to our readers by the courtesy of the Pacific Poultry Producers' association. It appeared first in the Eggsaminer, official organ of that body. The four horsemen are subsidiary societies.

L. Edward Dyer, of Del Rio stock farm, in writing to the Enterprise publisher, takes occasion to remark: "The picture of the four horsemen of the Pacific coast, illustrating the Egg Pro-

ducers' association's position, is well taken in the recent issue of your paper. I believe the (co-operative) principle is right, and if practiced more by farmers would solve many ills that now occupy

the attention of congress." Above we reproduce from the Eggsaminer a companion picture to the one Mr. Dyer refers to. It represents the position of the speculators about March, April and May.

## HALSEY, LINN AND OREGON

Peoria is likely to get a Mountain States Power company line.

J. S. McMahan and wife became papa and mama last week. She's a girl. Papa and grandma went to a Corvallis hospital this week to visit the new arrival.

The county court renewed E. D. Isom's appointment as road supervisor.

The most attractive little cus in Halsey these February days is the cro-cus.

Miss Lavelle Palmer was at home over the week end.

Friday evening Sweet home came over and beat Halsey high at basketball, 24 to 4.

Genevieve Wells, Esther Seefeld, Glenn Kinder and Carl Sperling

attended the cabinet meeting of the Linn county Christian Endeavor at Albany Sunday afternoon.

Harold, son of Rev. J. S. Miller and wife, was up from Portland and sang solos at the Methodist church Sunday.

J. W. Stephenson, the barber, is branching out in business. He has rented the Halsey hotel.

Frank Gansle's brother Charles, a Eugene carpenter, has rented J. W. Carter's house and is coming to Halsey with his family to reside.

Prof. Patton and family expect to live where Mr. Merriam did before he moved to Newberg.

The W. F. M. S. of the M. E. church had an interesting meeting

at the parsonage Friday. Twenty-one ladies and a number of children were present and only three had bobbed hair. Mrs. W. P. Wahl gave the lesson.

Winter again. Yesterday morning there was white frost, with a film of ice on thin puddles, and then a smiling sun.

Linn county health was worse last week, with 16 cases of influenza, 1 of measles, 3 of mumps, 2 of pneumonia, 4 of scarlet fever, 3 of smallpox, 1 of tuberculosis and 1 of whooping cough reported to the state board of health.

The Epworth League went to the Christian Endeavor social at the Church of Christ Wednesday of last week and a great time was enjoyed.

Harold Stevenson came from Brownsville last week and wired the W. F. Carter house for electric lights.

Mrs. M. M. Huston, owner of the house where Prof. Patton resides, suffered a paralytic stroke Sunday morning at her home in Portland and her condition is serious.

Revival meetings at the M. E. church will begin Sunday morning next. Mr. Miller will preach and Rev. Mr. Brown will conduct the song service.

Mrs. A. W. Eastburn, mother of Mrs. F. Buford Morris, was stricken Tuesday morning in her home at the county seat with what was thought to be paralysis, but she soon was better and has been steadily improving.

Frank Brown of Vancouver, B. C., traveling in the interest of co-operative publicity work for British Columbia, Washington, Oregon and California, was arrested near Halsey for speeding and paid a \$15

fine in Albany Tuesday. He was sore about it and thought he ought to be privileged to go 50 miles an hour, but the Albany justice saw no difference between him and a white man.

Rev. J. S. and Mrs. Miller went to Portland Sunday evening to spend a few days with their children and attend the Holiness convention.

Tuesday at the meeting of the Church of Christ missionary society with Mrs. J. E. True the lesson, on "Africa," was given by Mrs. Edith Robnett, and Mrs. W. L. Wells read letters from her daughter Goldie, who is a missionary in the dark continent.

Mrs. C. P. Stafford visited at O. B. Stalnaker's, Corvallis, over the week end.

William J. Carver died at 8:30 yesterday morning at his residence on the Hecker place, west of town, aged 67. Mrs. Carver survives him, as do seven daughters and sons: John Carver and Mrs. Mary Green of Valslet, Mrs. Edith Harwood of Newport and William J. jr., Callie, Georgiana and Violet Carver of Halsey. The funeral will be at the Church of Christ tomorrow, with burial at Pine Grove.

A very large crowd attended the Charity grange carnival Saturday evening and about \$60 was cleared.

### Pine Grove Points

(By Special Correspondent)

Miss Sophia Heinrich of Corvallis spent Sunday with her parents here.

Miss Grace Pehrson came home from Monmouth for the week end.

Floyd Nichols and family and Miss Leone Palmer were Albany visitors Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Suyler visited at the Martin home Sunday.

The community meeting Saturday evening was well attended and, although the program was short, owing to some being unable to be present on account of sickness, the negro play was much enjoyed.

The cottage prayer-meeting of the Peoria Free Methodist church was held at the Hughes home Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Eagy visited Mr. and Mrs. Estes Bass Wednesday.

### Spoon River Sparks

(Enterprise Correspondence)

Mrs. J. N. Elliot called on Mrs. A. L. Falk Wednesday afternoon.

W. R. Kirk was a business caller at the county seat Wednesday and Thursday.

E. E. Carey and family visited relatives in Salem over the week end.

M. B. Harding made a trip to Albany Thursday.

Mrs. Hazel Munkers and daughter and Beulah Miller accompanied the H. L. Straleys to the carnival at Charity grange Saturday night.

Alex Snodgrass and family spent Sunday at H. J. Falk's.

The Busy Bee Sewing club met at Mrs. J. N. Elliot's Friday afternoon and took Miss Edna Falk in as a new member.

Thomas Little and wife of Turner were week-end guests of J. P. Templeton's.

Mrs. Cecil Bilyeu spent Friday with Mrs. Clarence Gillette.

Mrs. Davis and son Henry spent Thursday evening at H. L. Straley's.

Cecil Bilyeu and family and Mrs. A. L. Falk spent Saturday at R. L. Bilyeu's, Lake Creek, visiting a relative they had not seen for fifteen years. Mrs. Falk stayed over night and Sunday.

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