

LETTERS

From Our Readers

WHY THE TUNNEL?

What difference does it make to us if President Coolidge urges the country to go slow if going in debt? What difference is it to us if Representative Madden is pleading with the country to end the wild orgy of voting bonds, bonds, and more bonds? We have our own pet ideas, so we get together, call an election, and vote more bonds. And, of course, rave how extravagant the government is. Just now we have an idea that we need a tunnel thru the hills but the only way to get it is to vote more bonds.

We can easily understand why Meier & Frank and the rest of big business want the tunnel. They see Portland growing eastward and away from their million dollar establishments. It is only good business for them to be, if they can, in the center of a city.

There is an excuse for holders of worthless land (for farming purposes) to want the tunnel, but why should the thousands of small farmers and acreage holders take on an additional load of already high taxes for the benefit of a few.

It will shorten the route to Portland, say the tunnel advocates. Perhaps it will, 5 minutes or 20 minutes, but suppose we take one-half of one per cent of the money we intend to spend on the tunnel and fix up the county roads so we can save many minutes every day.

It will add to land values, boldly proclaim our tunnel enthusiasts. But land values are already too high to make farming profitable, and it is hard to believe that two onions will grow where one grew before, just because we have a tunnel.

It will make our Beaverton a nifty little suburb of Portland, with homes aplenty and people galore, if we only build the tunnel, come our friends the tunnelists. Beaverton, however, is growing steadily and we might say, nicely. No boom is desirable. It has not yet benefited any town.

The growth of Portland does not require the tunnel. There are thousands of vacant lots, many of them owned by the city, on which homes can be built. Those who are country inclined can easily find room this side of the hills. Thousands live here now without a tunnel. When you vote on October 20th for the tunnel you are voting for higher taxes. It takes money to survey.

The cost of the tunnel can safely be placed as not less than from 3 to 4 million dollars. Add to this the interest that we or our children must pay to New York bankers for 40 long years, and think what you are voting for.

"Washington County has no bonded debts" is a better slogan than "Come and help us pay for the tunnel."

Editor's Note: We are glad to give space to this, the first article reaching us from one who is not in favor of building the Tunnel.

We do not subscribe to the sentiments and wish to say that the article is printed in the interests of fair play. Some of the assertions are correct and some, we believe, are just a little bit overdrawn. It is entirely correct to say that land values are "too high to make farming profitable," but we note that our correspondent isn't offering any land at less than its market value.

The inference, too, that a favorable vote October 20th is a vote for bonds is also misleading as no bonds are asked and no bonds can be issued after a bond election.

Don't forget that a favorable vote next Tuesday is a vote for progress, for improvements, and for the welfare of posterity.

There were plenty who opposed the building of roads, who have opposed the building of schools, who have opposed everything just as hundreds of years ago the Indians opposed the coming of the white man and as plenty from numerous classes opposed the introduction of the automobile and of anything that looks toward progress. (The Editor.)

No man can knock a show harder than the one who goes in on a pass.

LOCAL NEWS

Miss Leona Murray has been quarantined for diphtheria. Elmer Stipe has left for Klamath Falls on a hunting trip.

Mrs. W. G. Hahn had the misfortune to fall and break her arm.

It is every voter's duty to get out and vote next Tuesday. Come on, let's go.

It is reported that wedding bells will ring soon in the Cooper Mountain district. Ask Miss Connor for particulars.

Mrs. E. J. Wolf, mother of Rüdte and C. E. Wolf, is at the Emanuel hospital with a broken arm as a result of being run into by a car.

Remember, husbands and wives both have a right to vote on the Tunnel project even though theirs in a joint deed, or joint contract.

W. G. North who signs the circular being distributed in this section, resides at 181 E. 53rd St. Portland, according to the Portland Telephone Directory.

W. G. Hulbert and his son-in-law, Harry Johnson, who recently arrived from Michigan, have leased the old starch factory and are putting in an auto wrecking plant there.

The Rev. George N. Taylor, whose messages last Sunday were so well received, will preach again this next Sunday at the Bethel Congregational Church both morning and evening. Special music at both services.

R. M. Tuttle, who signs himself as Secretary of the "Taxpayers' Committee Opposing the Tualatin Tunnel Project," resides at 1791 East Stark St., according to the Portland Telephone Directory. You can see why he's interested in opposing the Tualatin Tunnel.

Rev. J. H. Irvine, the Methodist minister who will take Rev. Gray's place here, made this office a pleasant call on Thursday evening. He says that on account of his wife being an invalid they will reside in Portland, and are offering the parsonage here for rent.

Noah Richards of Beaverton has been cast in a leading role for the production of "The Torchbearers," at Whitman College, Walla Walla, November 6. The play, presented under the auspices of the sophomore class, selects its cast by the try-out method, and Richards won his place among over 50 competitors.

Mrs. Kautz, sister-in-law to Robert Kautz, returning from Tillamook, had the misfortune to get into a collision at Grand Ronde. It is said that she was thrown higher than the top of the car. She was taken to the Emanuel Hospital where she is improving, and hopes are entertained for her recovery.

LOCAL YOUNG LADY WAS MARRIED SATURDAY

Miss Helen Rose and Jack Norris of Pocatello, Idaho, were united in marriage last Saturday in Vancouver, Wash., and on Sunday morning started to Pocatello, their future home. Helen with her parents came to Beaverton last August and have lived in apartments of C. E. Hedge residence. She has been doing post graduate work in our High School the past month. The Rose family have moved to Eugene.

DEATH TAXES AS BUSINESS KILLERS

Assistant Treasury Secretary Tells Fable of Fate of Two Successful Men.

Men cannot be expected to continue to work day after day, increasing the productivity of this country and benefiting others, if they know that on death the major portion of their earnings will be dissipated in Federal estate and state inheritance taxes, declares Charles S. Dewey, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, in the American Bankers Association Journal. He says: "I am going to relate a fable in terms of modern business conditions. John Henry and Walter Brown were aggressive, hard-working men, and each had started business for himself. At the time this history opens John Henry had just died, leaving his entire estate to his son, John Henry, Jr., and had appointed his old friend, Walter Brown, as executor. Prior to his death John Henry had moved to California, leaving his business in the

hands of his son under whom it had continued to make excellent headway. The father had been doing a little speculating in oil. This venture had proved successful and he was insured in the sum of \$500,000.

Executor Walter Brown, on examination of the estate, found the following situation:

Capital stock of Henry & Co. 100,000  
Cash & Michigan Corn 15,000,000  
Personal debts due banks 500,000

Walter Brown soon made the unpleasant discovery that in addition to the personal indebtedness of \$500,000, and administration expenses of \$250,000, the following death duties must be paid:

Federal estate tax 1,077,500  
California inheritance tax 553,750  
Michigan inheritance tax 122,000

Total 1,753,250  
Added to the personal debt and administration expenses, this made a grand total liability of \$1,953,250. The year was 1920. Money was tight. Other manufacturing companies in the same line which might have been interested in a purchase had no money for extensions nor were the banks in position to handle a loan of this type. Here was a most successful business, built up from small beginnings by one man and carried on to further successes by his son, about to be placed under the hammer.

"Is there any justice in taxation that may force a man and his family to lose the fruits of his entire life's labor, and permit others to benefit? As a last resort, Henry, Jr., was forced into a bond issue. A loan to settle the debts, administration expenses and death duties, of \$2,250,000 was negotiated, upon the following basis:

The capital stock of the company was left at \$5,000,000 represented by 50,000 shares. First mortgage \$ per cent bonds were offered the public with a bonus of two shares of stock with each \$1,000 bond. The banker, to protect his bond customers, kept 30,000 shares to assure control of management, and John Henry, Jr., received the balance of 15,000 shares. John now has a good job as general manager of his father's old company, but they do not pay him very much.

"Now we must return to Walter Brown, executor of John Henry, Sr. Walter had always kept close to his own manufacturing business. The more he considered his own situation, the more closely it seemed to him to resemble that of his old friend.

"He therefore called a lawyer and made a complete schedule of his assets, requesting that an estimate of administration expenses and death duties be made. The schedule of assets was as follows:

Capital stock, Walter Brown Co. 1,000,000  
Mich. Corp. 175,000  
Cal. inheritance tax 1,000,000  
Tax-exempt bonds, Minn., Mont. and Colo. 500,000

Total 2,675,000

"Within a few days Mr. Brown's lawyer made the following report:

Legal and admin. expenses 150,000  
Fed. estate tax 1,077,500  
Cal. inheritance tax 553,750  
Mich. inheritance tax 122,000  
Mont. inheritance tax 122,000  
Colo. inheritance tax 122,000

Total death duties 1,425,750  
Total expenses 1,575,750  
"On this basis the estate suffered a reduction from \$5,500,000 to approximately \$3,924,250, thus wiping out all assets except the corporate stock and placing a heavy loan on that. Mr. Brown had one son and, as he thought of John Henry, Jr., tolling away with little hope of opportunity he determined that he would not subject his own son to the same tribulations.

"Boom times having come, there was no difficulty obtaining a purchaser for Walter Brown & Co., and the California real estate was sold at a good price. The whole was invested in tax-exempt bonds which yielded a very safe return of about 4 1/2 per cent. Walter Brown then moved his legal residence to the more friendly climate of Florida, where state inheritance and income taxes are forbidden.

"The country suffers by the loss of effort which Walter Brown might have continued to expend under a more intelligent system of taxation. We must reform the tax system in such a way that business and industry shall not be hampered. We must make sure that American citizens shall not be deprived of the incentive to work and accumulate and that this country shall not cease to be a land of opportunity. A tax system which discourages initiative cannot be the right system for America."

H. S. Mower, chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the New Jersey Bankers Association, together with H. J. Baker, director of extension work in the College of Agriculture, made a complete tour of the state this spring, calling on the county agents and agricultural committees of the various county organizations to get a definite line-up on the work done and the plans for the coming year. Ways and means for furthering the program of the state committee were considered at these conferences.

OBITUARY

Martha J. Hinds was born in Springfield, Illinois, March 29, 1852. Here she spent her childhood and early youth and secured her education.

In March of 1868 she was united in marriage to A. H. Powell to which union twelve children were born, there having been twins and triplets in her family. Only five of the children survive their mother.

It was in 1877 that the family came to Oregon, settling at Pittsburg near Vernonia. The father died September 5, 1905.

Mrs. Powell has lived by herself since the loss of her husband, most of the time at Vernonia and in that vicinity with short residences at Portland or Astoria.

About four months ago she came to Beaverton and lived at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Henry Nelson. She had been stricken with cancer but up to the very last she kept planning on what she would do when she had regained her health.

She died October 5th at the home of her daughter here at Beaverton and was buried on the 8th instant at Vernonia. A large number of friends from our city attending the funeral.

She leaves her immediate family, three sons, W. H. Powell and O. A. Powell, both of Portland, V. L. Powell of Vernonia and two daughters, Mrs. Grace Lloyd of Los Angeles and Mrs. Myrtle P. Nelson of this city.

FARM REMINDERS

Garden land now through producing this season is best plowed or disked so the weeds cannot get a foothold this fall. Parts of the garden that produced such crops as sweet corn, snap beans, dry onions and other vegetables about finished, should also be worked. Too many gardens remain through the winter just as they were in late summer and fall, says an O. A. C. station report. Others become a weed patch by spring, to say nothing of the soil packed by the gardener during the season and by the winter rains.

The purchase of a good grade laying mash for a small flock of 25 pullets rather than buying and mixing the materials is recommended by the experiment station. In order to save anything by making his own mixtures the poultryman would have to buy the materials in lots to large to provide them in a fresh state. Although the bought mash may cost more, it will make a better feed.

Cauliflower grows so rapidly in these mild days of fall that the heads often get beyond the best condition for marketing, warns the vegetable marketing section at O. A. C. They must be watched carefully for cutting at the most desirable time. Better cut the heads while they are smaller yet compact and white, than somewhat later when they may be larger but have a divided curd.

For Sale—Vetch seed. Dan Shaw, at the forks of the Hillsboro and Farmington roads between Huber and Aloha. Adv e 46f.



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