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### QUESTION OF SCHOOL MONEY

The important question of school money and the present school system is being discussed at Pendleton, where they have a Parent-Teacher's Association of large membership. In other districts of the county, Parent-Teacher Associations are active in bringing school administration in close contact with school patrons and through these organizations to a great extent, the matter of school taxes are being taken up. At the present time Athena has no Parent-Teacher's association. If such an organization functioned here, the school tax, as well as other matters concerning school welfare could be brought forward for intelligent discussion and eventual harmonious effort in supporting the school might result. Of recent activities at Pendleton, the East Oregonian says:

The subject of "School Finance" was suggested to the Umatilla County council of the P. T. A. at their meeting in the Library Saturday afternoon as a field of labor worthy of comprehensive study by J. A. Yeager, county school superintendent, who urges that a study of the sources of school funds and items of expense would be beneficial.

Mr. Yeager said in part, "For a new field of labor and along entirely different lines, I would suggest that you take up for this year the study of the subject of 'School Finance'. After all, money is the deciding factor in the success of most enterprises. Without funds universal education would cease. We now spend large sums for education and must spend yet larger sums. To offset the tendency to criticize those expenditures, I believe that a study of the sources of school funds and of the items of expense, will be beneficial.

"A larger taxation unit, and an equalization of the tax burden, are subjects requiring much study. Legislation will be forthcoming along these lines, and you may help to solve the problem and to direct legislation, by a study of this subject.

"There is something wrong with a system that supports a school in one district without a tax and requires in another district a levy of 22 mills. There is also something wrong when one teacher is paid \$900 for doing the same work for which another teacher receives \$1500.

"There are facts taken from your own country to show that an adjustment is needed, and I believe that a frank discussion of the entire financial system of our schools, after an honest effort has been made to obtain the facts, will bring beneficial results."

A wonderful football player is Hufford, and the tribute given him by a writer in the Morning Oregonian was earned and merited, every word of it. The reason that Mac-Hi did not score in the Medford game was no fault of Hufford's. His team is a good one as high school teams go, and no aspersion is meant when we say it was outclassed by the giants from Southern Oregon. But not so with Hufford. This boy scintillated in his plays against the Medford avalanche to heights where he easily stood above any player on the field. While Mac-Hi did not win the state championship she has contributed to Oregon football a star player of first magnitude.

Chronicles from Mexico usually contain details of destruction of towns in bandit warfare, but a white spot was written in newspaper headlines this week in recounting the heroic exploit of a Mexican locomotive engineer, who coupled his engine to a burning car of dynamite, hauled it away from a town, and unhitched from it a few seconds before the explosion took place—all of which goes to prove that heroes are born, not made; no matter where their birth place may be.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union proposes to put presidential candidates on the carpet with the view to finding where they stand on the prohibition question. Cal and Al and others have been invited to expound their views at a big demonstration meeting to be held in Chicago the latter part of January. And the invitations do not end R. S. V. P. either.

In the opinion of the Press, the most interesting report that comes to the editor's desk, is that from the Land Settlement Department of the Portland and Oregon State Chambers of Commerce. The current report discloses the arrival of thirty-two

families in Oregon totaled \$105,100. There is a steady flow of farm families into the state through services of the Land Settlement Department.

While Mayor "Big" Bill toys with his King George pipe dream, crime runs rampant in Chicago, with a greater death toll than ever. What the windy city needs is organization of decent citizenry into an old-time vigilance committee of the whole and a wipe out of the gangster element in general.

A new mechanical epidemic seems to have struck air plane craft. Frequency is noted where planes are being forced down because of "tail flutter."

"Pussyfoot" Johnson says a damp candidate has no chance. Further it may be said the statement was not originated by "Pussy."

### JARDINE URGES FARMERS TO AID THEMSELVES

(Oregon Journal Bureau)

The direct tax burden on the farms of the United States increased from a little less than \$350,000,000 in 1914 to almost \$900,000,000 in 1926, and Secretary Jardine of the department of agriculture in his annual report, made public today, makes observation that:

"If the assessment of the real estate bore some immediate relationship to the current income from such property, the farmer's tax difficulties would be decreased in those sections where at the same time other industrial groups had increased tax-paying ability."

Explaining that annual change of assessment to conform to changes in income seems to be an "impossible task," and that a "complete change" to the income basis cannot be expected, Secretary Jardine suggests that progress can be made in tax reform for the farmer by increasing the sources of income other than tangible property, the spreading of the tax base and improvement in the assessment system.

The general property tax used by the states and their subdivisions to raise 78 per cent of their revenue in 1922, the secretary continues, and this ratio is probably the same at the present time. As the farmer's property is of the kind that lies in plain sight, the assessor sees it, and the farmer pays beyond his proportion. Some states, he adds, reach other sources by the income tax, commodity taxes and license, corporation and business taxes, but these are received in the local units in relatively small amounts.

Taxation has increased about 150 per cent for the farmer since 1914 the secretary finds, while the gross value of farm crops has increased about 60 per cent. Taxes take 30 per cent of the net farm income in many sections. The increase, it is stated, has been due to normal growth in population, to the rising price level additional governmental, services principally for schools and roads.

"To condemn the general increase in governmental expenditures and to continue to demand enlarged services from the government is a common inconsistency," adds Jardine.

Reiterating his view that the tariff on farm products should be levied as nearly as possible to insure the home market to the American farmer, the secretary says that trustworthy statistics are not available to show the degree in which the farm tariff is offset by its effect on commodities that farmers have to buy. He stops a little short of recommending tariff revision, but says:

"Any discrimination which may exist should be ascertained and corrected. This, I am convinced, would be welcomed by American farmers

who, on the whole, want to be shown what their position is in our tariff structure. . . . It should be our aim to give agriculture protection against foreign competition in our markets equal to that enjoyed by industry and labor."

Jardine repeats his opposition to any direct government action for farm relief, expressing the opinion that what is necessary can be done by the joint effort of organized farmers, with the government giving such aid "as it safely may."

Concrete assistance may be provided for stabilizing corporations, he says, and farther extension of credit should be arranged for production and marketing advances, particularly operative marketing purposes.

### WHAT DOES THAT PROVE?

(Morning Oregonian)

The New York Tribune, which once greatly lamented the withdrawal of Mr. Coolidge, and first promoted the draft idea, now sadly languishing, and then viewed with an admiring eye the distinguished availability of Mr. Hughes, now records, through its Washington correspondent, the expert opinion of informed republican observers that, if there were a presidential primary in New York, Herbert Hoover would have more votes than all other republican candidates put together. Yet the authorized political machine in New York is looking in every direction but Hoover's.

We merely mention to wonder about it. The Tribune hints that the international bankers are the source of Hoover opposition, and their reason is that he is against their pet idea for cancellation of European war debts.

But the New York favor for Mr. Hughes cannot on the contrary thus be accounted for. Nor has Mr. Mellon, who has said he feels friendly to Mr. Hughes, cancelled as secretary of the treasury any large sums owed us by Europe.

The notion has powerfully seized the New York politicians that only Mr. Hughes stands a chance to carry New York against Al Smith. They think that if New York is lost, all is lost. Nonsense, of course; but his local needs and fears, and not the broad national view, will control the average New York mind every time.

Mr. Hughes was twice elected governor of New York, in 1906 by about 58,000 plurality, and in 1908 by 68,000 plurality. Yet in 1920 Mr. Harding, of Ohio, for president defeated Mr. Cox, of Ohio, for president, in New York, by about 1,100,000 plurality and in 1924 Mr. Coolidge, of Massachusetts, carried New York over Mr. Davis, of West Virginia and New York, by nearly 900,000.

Does it require a New York candidate to carry New York for the presidency on any ticket?

### The Churches

**Baptist Church**  
Sunday School at 9:45 A. M. Devotional at 11:00 A. M. Topic, the fourth in series on Christ and the Modern World, The Sinlessness of Jesus. No evening services of any kind. Everybody going to Pendleton for the afternoon and evening session of Umatilla County B. Y. P. U. at which the principle speaker will be Dr. Milliken of Portland. Young Peoples Prayer and Praise every Wednesday evening at 7:30 P. M. Mid-Week devotional and evangelistic Bible every Thursday evening at 7:30 P. M. Sunday School Convention at First Baptist Church at Pendleton Friday evening at 7:30 P. M. Dr. Milliken of Portland will be in this service also.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist Sunday-school next Sunday morning Dec. 11th, at the regular

Sunday-school hour for gifts from our school to go to homes in Managua Nicaragua, Central America where there will be no tree on Christmas morning. The following is a suggested list from which to select your gift: Crochet cotton (fine) Emb. pieces and hoops, white baby dresses (low neck) mosquito bar, childrens cotton clothing, for hot weather, all sizes. For boys: mouth organs, balls, handkerchiefs and combs. Girls: dolls, beads, purses and handkerchiefs Women: towels, aprons, needles and scissors. Men: handkerchiefs, Sox, note books, cufflinks and ties. Have you made your Christmas list? Yes, beyond a doubt! It is Jesus' birthday, too, Did you leave Him out? Make his gift the first of all! "Inasmuch as ye Did it to the least of mine Ye have given to me!"

**Church of Christ**  
For Sunday, December 11, Bible school at 10:00 a. m. Preaching and worship at 11 o'clock a. m., and at 7:30 p. m. The two young people's organizations meet at 6:45 p. m. All young people who are not affiliated with any organization in town are welcome.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of G. H. Schubert, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern: That A. O. Schubert has been appointed administrator of the estate of G. H. Schubert, deceased. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present them, with proper vouchers to said administrator at his home near Athena, Oregon, or to Will M. Peterson and George R. Lewis, his attorneys, at their law offices in the Stangier Building, Pendleton, Oregon, within six months of the date of the first publication of this notice which is the 18th day of November, 1927.  
A. O. SCHUBERT, Administrator.  
Will M. Peterson, George R. Lewis Attorneys for Administrator.  
N18D16

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of H. McArthur, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executor of the last will and testament of H. McArthur, deceased, by an order of the above entitled Court.  
All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are hereby notified to present the same to me at Athena, Oregon, or to my attorneys, Watts & Prestbye, at their office in Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All claims must be verified as by law required.  
Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 18th day of November, 1927.  
MANDA J. McARTHUR, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of H. McArthur, Deceased.  
Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. N18D16.

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**  
In the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Umatilla County. In the matter of the Estate of William P. Willaby, Deceased.  
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed her final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, the 7th day of January, 1928, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. of said day, as the time, and the County Court room in the County Court house at Pendleton, Umatilla county, Oregon, as the place, for the hearing of said final account and report. Objections to said final account and report should be filed on or before that date.  
Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 9th day of December, A. D. 1927.  
HESTER WILLABY, Administratrix of the Estate of William P. Willaby, Deceased. Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. D9J6

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