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INCOME TAX BILLS FIND OPPOSITION

Scott Would Pay Gasoline Tax Only for Use on Public Highways.

(Oregon Voter Reporting Service)
State House, Salem.—One of the principal differences between two income tax bills now before the legislature is the property tax off-set. In H. B. 457, representing a majority action of the Property Tax Relief Commission, property taxes may be used to off-set 75 per cent of the income tax. In H. B. 459, introduced by Senator Hall and Representative Norton, of Coos county, no such off-set is allowed. Tax commissioner Earl Fisher states that under the off-set plan the tax-payer having both property and income will pay little more tax than the tax-payer having property and no taxable income, or the tax-payer having income and no taxable property. The off-set bill is being opposed by the Grange, Farmer's Union, and labor organizations. The Hall-Norton bill is being opposed by large property tax payers who do not like the idea of double taxation—that is, of being taxed once on the property and again on the income from the same property.

Both bills are being opposed by those who feel that Oregon should get used to the income tax on corporations, as provided in H. B. 279, the excise tax bill, which is similar to legislation now pending in California. The Grange and Farmers' Union committees express themselves as favoring H. B. 279 at this session in the hope that by establishing an income tax on corporations, the way will be paved for a personal income tax that will be accepted by the people. C. C. Chapman is in agreement with this opinion. He believes that taking one step at a time is more likely to assure a satisfactory income tax, especially if that step is in step with California. It is reported at Salem that in Washington the same feeling exists, so that at last the opportunity presents itself for having uniform income tax legislation in all three Pacific Coast states, with the prospect that personal incomes, as well as corporation incomes, will also be taxed by all three states within the next few years.

Representative Joseph N. Scott's house bill No. 385, introduced recently, has the effect of removing all tax from gasoline used for any purpose in Oregon except in operation of motor vehicles on public highways. There is now a 3 cent tax on gasoline used in operation of tractors, stationary engines, and in cleaning and dyeing business, but 2 cents of the tax is refundable by the secretary of state. The Scott bill has the effect of authorizing refunding of the entire tax. Thus all gasoline used as fuel in wheat-growing operations in the two counties that Mr. Scott represents, Umatilla and Morrow, will be tax-exempt. This will have the effect of decreasing costs of tractor, combine and stationary gasoline engine operation. The Scott bill, which was referred to the House Committee on Automobiles and Roads, adds the words "and or gasoline" to the present statutes that exempt distillate fuel used for farming from payment of the gasoline tax.

To combat an unknown sheep and cattle malady prevalent in certain parts of Eastern Oregon, an appropriation of \$5,000 from the state has been asked in house bill No. 380. The money is to be used for research work, directed through the Oregon State College experiment station. The authors of the bill are Senator R. J. Carsner of Spray, Representative Earl W. Snell of Arlington, and Wasco. A memorial will also be sent to Congress to ask for federal aid in identifying and fighting the disease.

The disease, which started in last April, has caused a loss of over 300 head of cattle, estimated at \$30,000. It is contagious and is reported to be unlike any other disease known to cattle and sheep. It has defied the efforts of experts from Washington, O. S. C. and numerous veterinaries of the state to analyze it, and find either a preventative or a cure.

To place motor vehicles by themselves for taxation purposes, so that the age of the vehicle may be taken into account in fixing the tax, and the proceeds be applied exclusively to highway work, if desired, is the purpose of the constitutional amendment introduced by Senator Kiddle of Island City. If passed by the Legislature this would be voted upon by the people at the next election.

Pheasants Are Kindly Treated in the Athena Snow Covered District

From Marion Hansell the Press learns that pheasants and Hungarian partridges have been receiving attention in the Athena district by sportsmen and farmers, who have been feeding the birds. Up the flat, birds are being fed regularly at the Homer Watts and Alex McIntyre ranches, and others in that neighborhood are seeing that the birds on their places are getting grain.

North of town, the birds on the Hansell place and the M. L. Watts ranch on Pine Creek are being looked after. West of town, George Gerking has a big flock of birds under his care. At the J. N. Scott place birds are being fed. Art Douglas is feeding those on his farm, while down on the creek, Ross Payne is doling out grain. Louis Keen is caring for some birds on his farm, as is Arnold Wood.

Up Wild Horse Creek, Glenn Dudley, McBride Brothers and Barney Foster have given attention to birds there. In fact others whom the Press has not communicated with, including Fay LeGrow, Lee Wilson and the Preston-Shaffer Milling company, are doing their share by contributing grain.

In a ride over the district Sunday, Mr. Hansell found but one dead bird, though he noted several in a bad way for want of food. He stated that a number of birds were being killed by passing cars on the highway at this time. The birds are easily fed, for they congregate in sheds, around stacks and in barnyards, where they stay and consume the feed given them.

Shull Found Guilty of Manslaughter; 15 Years

Pendleton, Ore.—Ralph Shull faces a term of fifteen years in the state penitentiary following his conviction Friday night on a charge of manslaughter for the killing of Robert Linsner. After the jury had been out but four hours, it returned with its verdict. Shull waived the time allowed for the passing of sentence, and Judge D. R. Parker sentenced him to 15 years imprisonment, the maximum allowed under the charge.

Dean Shull, father of Ralph Shull who for weeks has been fighting to secure sufficient evidence to free his son, broke down when he heard the jury's verdict, Ralph, however, remained firm as he has all during the trial.

When asked if he had anything to say in his own behalf, Shull only asked for leniency, but his plea was given no consideration by the judge. Homer I. Watts, who was secured to assist the state in the prosecution of the Shull case, completed his plea to the jury shortly before three o'clock. After a short recess, Judge D. R. Parker began with the presenting of his instructions to the jury.

The jury was instructed as to the statutes regarding different points brought up during the course of the trial. The jury had three verdicts which they might have brought in, they were: guilty of murder in the second degree; guilty of manslaughter or not guilty.

At about four o'clock the case went to the jury, and the twelve members retired to the jury room where they remained until about 8 o'clock.

Adams and Weston Games

The Athena boys lost to Adams high school Saturday evening by the score of 22 to 14. The Adams team played a consistent game throughout. Athena developed stronger offensive in the last half. Athena girls won from Adams girls by the score 18-12. Wednesday night at Weston, Athena won its second game of the season from Weston high, in a thrilling contest, 17 to 9. "Pike" Miller's 8th graders played a fine game in the curtainraiser, and defeated the Weston graders, 20 to 9. Athena plays at Pendleton tomorrow night.

C. E. Roosevelt Passes

C. E. Roosevelt, an old time merchant of Pendleton, and a resident of that city since 1888, died Sunday evening at St. Anthony's hospital. For many years he conducted the Boston store in Pendleton. He was a prominent member of the Masonic, Knights of Pythias, Elk and Eagle orders. He is survived by his widow and one daughter. Interment took place at Walla Walla.

Two Nights of Milling

Two nights of great milling is predicted for the Pacific Coast amateur boxing championships to be held in Portland, Monday and Tuesday nights, February 25 and 26, under auspices of The Multnomah Athletic Club. The tournament will be staged in the Portland Armory where 5,000 people may be seated.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON STUDENT LIKES AVIATION



All ready for flying is this University of Oregon co-ed, who accompanied a group of University officials on a recent airplane jaunt over the campus. She is Miss Glenna Fisher, who is secretary to Vice-President Burt Brown Barker, of the University.

EXTENSION COURSES WANTED BY CITIZENS

Increase of Student Load Cause of Serious Financial Strain.

University of Oregon, Eugene (Special)—To relieve a serious financial burden created through a remarkable increase in student load and attendance coincident with only slight gains in income, the regents of the University of Oregon have adopted unanimously a resolution proposing that the legislature set aside continuing appropriations totaling \$50,000 for the extension division and the research program of the university.

This request is in addition to the usual biennial appropriations of \$246,607 for the medical school and \$170,000 for the Doernbecher hospital, as well as a continuing appropriation of \$73,000, asked for the establishment of a pension fund, half of the expense of which would be borne by the faculty.

Student Load Heavy.
The student load at the university has increased 94 per cent since the present millage tax was established, while full time attendance has increased 86 per cent. The income of the university from public sources during this same period has been only 13.5 per cent.

"The university is unable to take care of its student load on its present income, nor to divert any of it to the continuation of the valuable extension work that the university is performing, nor engage in any of the research activities so necessary to the material development of the state," the resolution stated. "The amount available per student is insufficient to give to the boys and girls of Oregon the training comparable to that given the children of sister states."

Funds Are Needed.
Continuation and slight development of the extension work, which reaches into every corner of the state, would be carried on with the \$50,000 appropriation asked. The research program now proposed provides for the following items: bureau of business research, \$75,000; foreign trade in-

Stop, Look!

An excellent program ahead for February 28. The Loyal Gleasers class of the Christian Sunday school will sponsor an evening's program of excellent orchestra music, negro songs by real negroes, musical readings and a one act play. Admission, just one penny for every inch your waist measures. Your measure taken by a clever couple. Every body invited. Watch for further announcement.

Cully Completes Land Deal

Sim Cully, prominent farmer of the Weston neighborhood has completed a big land deal in Idaho. Two transactions by which Cully acquires 2470 acres of farm land in Power county, Idaho, involves in the transaction about \$80,000. Bert Scrimsher of Roy, Idaho, is associated with Mr. Cully in the deal and consequent farming operations in Idaho.

vestigation, \$5000; research in crime and criminal administration, \$7000; grant to the research committee of the university, \$5000; research in school administration, \$5000.

All of these projects have received hearty endorsement of men interested in the various fields indicated, but without the special appropriations the program must be drastically curtailed because of the necessity of using all available funds for carrying on the instructional functions of the university. Research activities in recent years have become one of the leading functions of great universities, and it has become the hope of Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president, and other leaders at the University of Oregon to get a modest research program started at the university which will give immeasurable benefit to the material progress of the commonwealth. It is stated.

The pension project is being worked out in conjunction with Oregon State Agricultural college, and it is likely a joint bill will be presented to the legislature.

Prowler Breaks Into Weston School Building

The Weston school building was entered and damaged Tuesday night by some miscreant who pried up a screen and then lifted a window affording entrance into a hallway, reports the Leader. The locks on nine doors were damaged by twisting the knobs in such a manner that the catches are no longer of service. A number of rooms were visited, as was also the office of Superintendent Brace, from which a set of examination papers was stolen. Nothing else was taken, in so far as has been determined, and aside from the damaged locks no acts of vandalism were committed, as was the case when the Athena school building was burglarized several weeks ago. No clues have been secured as to the identity of the perpetrator.

Baddeley Boys Are Heirs

The Weston Leader says Fred, Joe and Robert Baddeley, all of whom are residents of Los Angeles, California, are heirs to a trust fund in England, according to information received at the Leader office. They are sons of the late J. A. Baddeley, who was one of Weston's leading farmers in early years. He died in December, 1910, and was buried in the local cemetery. Mr. Baddeley was of English descent, and the trust fund was created by one of his progenitors. The fund is now in process of settlement, and the proofs are being awaited in England. These are being looked after by F. S. LeGrow, cashier of the First National Bank of Athena.

Wheat Shipments

The Farmer's Grain Elevator company commenced shipments Saturday of 75,000 bushels of wheat which was purchased by outside buyers shortly after harvest, and which has since been held in storage. The shipments which are going out on an average of four carloads per day, are billed to Portland, but the fact that the grain is being inspected at Pendleton, would indicate that a part at least finds its way to eastern markets.

Large Herd of Elk Descend to Valley In Search of Food

Walla Walla, Wash.—Elk along the Cottonwood have become a nuisance and unless definite and speedy action is taken by the authorities, stockmen declare they will have to take matters into their own hands to save their winter pasture from the animals. The stockmen of the district have petitioned the Oregon Game Commission to move the elk to some place where the animals will not spoil the pasture, but, so the cattlemen say, they have received no satisfaction.

Herd of from 250 to 300 animals are said to have come down from the mountain meadows, driven out by the snow, one herd of that size having invaded the Reser and Lynch places about 12 miles from town, it is reported. Fencing does not keep the elk out as they either tear up the barbed wire fences with their antlers or jump over or plunge through the wires.

If the elk are not moved off the range or fed, the stockmen say, they will have to be killed. Most of the men hesitate to resort to that action as the splendid animals would be wasted, the law forbidding the use of game killed to prevent property damage.

Elk have never before been driven to the extremity of coming in so close to the city, so the situation has not been so acute in past years. The animals, however, have been increasing so rapidly under protection that they are crowding the cattle, the stockmen claim. They want the season on elk opened in Walla Walla county and declare that the immediate killing of 200 of the animals would not deplete their numbers enough to make poor hunting or endanger their existence. The situation is, simply, that there are too many elk.

Herding elk is a ticklish job, so a group of local men found yesterday when they went out on horseback in an effort to round up a number of the animals. They managed, nevertheless, to "cut out" a small herd of nine bull elk which were diverted to the U. S. Military reservation surrounding the Veteran's hospital and left to browse in the back field of the reservation along Garrison creek where the brush is thick and there is plenty for them to eat.

Cast Selected for High School Play

After careful deliberation the play selection committee has chosen "Too Many Parents" as the production for the annual high school play. The play is an uproarious three-act comedy and is decidedly different from anything Athena audiences have seen for several years.

The predicament in which a brother and sister find themselves possessed of two fathers and two mothers promises to satisfy any fun seeking audience.

The parts are nicely balanced, and with the selection of an excellent cast it is hoped to produce the play some time in March. Miss Mildred Bateman will have charge of the coaching. Weldon Bell, Wilford Miller, John Kirk, and Ralph McEwen have all appeared before Athena audiences in the past and have proved their worth as members of any play cast. The entire cast is as follows:

General Burton, on foreign service, John Kirk; Captain Murdoch, of the "Petrel", Stafford Hansell; George Murdoch, his son, Ralph McEwen; Ned Stanley, a young lawyer, Edwin McEwen; Caraway Bones, an undertaker, Wilford Miller; Mary Murdoch's widow, Thelma Schrimp; Sylvia Murdoch, her daughter, Carolyn Kidder; Evelyn Burton, General's only daughter, Betty Eager; Remedias, Murdoch's second wife (?), Weldon Bell.

Whitman Lost to Willamette

Whitman lost its first conference basketball game to Willamette University, Saturday night, by the score of 56 to 27. It was Whitman's worst drubbing in basketball for several seasons. Whitman defeated Willamette in the first game, Friday night.

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On Sports Program

University of Oregon is putting on a sports program for the Boy Scouts of Eugene. Among the program numbers are four bouts at fencing, and Fred Radtke, sophomore, vs. James Whitman, freshman, appear in one of the bouts.

WHEAT MEN WANT RADIO PRICE DAILY

Columbia Basin Growers Demand Closing Quotations Over Air.

Arlington, Ore.—Wheat growers of the Columbia Basin Monday gave extended consideration to the future outlook of the grain industry, world competition and crop and price reporting in the first sessions of the three-day wheat conference which opened under the auspices of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league and the Oregon State college extension service.

On all these subjects the growers not only want authentic, unbiased information but they want it promptly every day by radio. This totally unscheduled development followed addresses by F. L. Ballard, state county agent leader, in which he gave the federal and state outlook reports on wheat, and by W. A. Schoenfeld, Portland representative of the United States bureau of economics, in which he described the present governmental procedure in gathering and releasing world-wide crop and price information.

E. M. Hulden of Blalock started the matter by saying that the grower needs market information in daily reports from governmental sources by radio, as even the daily newspapers are too late to enable the modern farmer to take advantage of sudden price trends. John Withycombe of Arlington added to this demand while W. S. Powell of Moro emphasized the fact that a man with grain to sell these days wants the Chicago and Portland closing prices, not the next day when the mail man gets to his place, but that same evening—by radio.

Representatives of the college and the federal department reported that a bill pending in congress sponsored by Senator McNary will extend the government leased market news wire from San Francisco into the Northwest, which, if passed will make it possible for the college station as well as some Portland stations to broadcast such crop and market news within an hour or so after released from Washington.

Seymour Jones, state market agent, added that his office will be glad to cooperate with the college or other agencies in helping to provide such daily service. Regarding the future outlook in wheat, Ballard reported domestic acreage for the coming year about the same as last year, with possibility of somewhat better market demand, especially for soft white wheat which is recommended for Northwest planting.

Latest reports from the Moro experiment station show hybrid 128 out-yielding Turkey red under most conditions. Foreign competition in the future is expected to increase rather than diminish, it was said, especially as regards Canada and Argentina.

Russian competition in wheat, now widely discussed, is not expected by Schoenfeld to be a serious factor soon, partly due to lack of marketing machinery. He made a personal investigation of conditions there for the government three years ago. W. W. Harrah of Pendleton presided over Monday's meeting as C. B. Cox, president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat league, was delayed.

Camp Fire Conference

The Camp Fire Conference in Walla Walla on the 8th and 9th was well attended in spite of the cold weather. Miss Janet McKellar, national field secretary from New York had charge of the conference. Miss McKellar was honor guest at a banquet at the Grand Hotel Friday evening. Saturday morning the program included suggestions and discussions on Camp Fire as a whole. Saturday afternoon Miss McKellar held interesting and profitable lessons in hand craft. Saturday evening a council fire was held at Camp Fire headquarters. Mrs. Hazel Fisher Bryant who is acting Camp Fire executive during Miss Florence Craven's absence abroad assisted Miss McKellar. Mrs. H. Wade LeRoy and Miss Hilda Dickenson were present from Athena.

Tawanka Valentine Party

An enjoyable Valentine party was given Monday evening, at the Venable home, when Miss Eloise Venable and Miss Myrtle Potts entertained seventeen young people, including the Tawanka group and their invited guests. A feature of the evenings enjoyment was a Valentine box. Red hearts and other decorations were used in the rooms and delicious refreshments were served which also carried out the Valentine motif.