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The great trouble with most of the political programs for tax reduction is that when they suggest reducing one item of taxation they seek new methods or sources of taxation to produce a greater total tax revenue than before. While business, agriculture and labor are receiving less gross income, the tax spenders not only refuse to reduce tax bills, but actually increase the tax load.

Henry Ford is at it again. He has selected a site at Richmond, Ohio, where he will build a \$7,000,000 assembly plant and possibly a glass works, and the master builder will prevail upon his workmen to make their home on farms near by. Our guess is that Ford's proposal will appeal to workmen, and that already there are surplus thousands on the waiting list.

Look into closets and cubbyholes about the house and see if you are able to find discarded text books that may be used in the elementary schools. It would help out a heap if you find a few and turn them over to the school district, which in turn will distribute them among children who will sorely need them.

A forest fire lookout stationed at Mt. Aiz, on the divide between Clear Fork and Natches river, reports that his cabin was struck twelve times by lightning one night recently, and that his instruments registered 525 flashes and as many reports. He did not state what he wore for insulation.

Denny Lenhart, Portland boxer, has proved to be a favorite of Jack Dempsey. Denny is to meet Jack for the third time in a two-round contest. Dempsey is trying for a comeback in the heavyweight class, is meeting all comers, and incidentally is putting a lining in the old billfold.

According to the Chicago Tribune, only a fourth of the owners of personal property in Cook County, Illinois, are assessed for taxes and fewer than a fifth of those assessed pay anything. Those who pay are only 4.99 per cent of the owners.

Ramsay McDonald has done a whole lot for the labor party in England, and he is still in a position to do more, but the party is out after the gritty Scotchman's scalp. Whoever coined "deliver me from my fool friends," said an ear full.

We read that powerful banking interests of France and the United States have combined to offer a \$400,000,000 credit to the British treasury. Goshalbemlock! John Bull must be in sorry financial straits; and so are we.

Lieutenant J. H. Bundy of Rockwell field, came by airplane to visit his mother at Freewater, after an absence of twelve years. It may be said the young lieutenant fairly flew into the arms of his mother.

As a fruit producing section, the Walla Walla valley is certainly on the map this year. A total of 669 cars of the 875 shipped from Oregon and Washington came from there. And prices were fair, too.

For several years agriculture has been seeking for a way out of its predicament. After the way is found, other years will be spent in finding out how it ever got into said predicament.

A civit cat, sometimes called skunk, found a loose board in the home of John Brown at Tacoma. When the cat went in, the family went out through the windows.

The French republic is about to sponsor the restoration of the crown of Hungary to the Hapsburg family. Politics indeed, make strange bedfellows.

Despite dry range conditions, stock is said to be in fair condition—a little crack in the cloud of depression through which the stockman is looking.

Who said the country was broke? Attendance at the Round-Up Saturday didn't indicate that it was.

Anne and Lindy seem to "be at home" taking in the sights of Tokyo.

Five Minutes to Midnight showed 'em—but Midnight didn't.

Dempsey, the Manassa mauler, came, he saw, he conquered.

Believe it or not: 'Tis the female mosquito that bites us—the male is a vegetarian.

FREIGHT TRUCKS AN ASSET!

(Arlington Bulletin)
Since the Union Pacific inaugurated its campaign of urging the public to ship by rail there has been much discussion as to whether or not the freight trucks are an asset or a detriment to Arlington. All of the freight truck lines in this section come through Arlington en route to Portland, and back to their eastern terminal, and there is perhaps no city or town in this part of the state better able to give an answer to the above question than this city. Day and night they are passing through town, loading and unloading their cargo.

If the majority of Arlington citizens were called upon about 9 o'clock in the morning to decide whether or not the trucks were an asset there is no doubt in our minds but what their death knell would sound. For at this hour the noise made by the trucks as they come down the hill into town would make the battle of Gettysburg sound like a Quaker meeting. Bang, bang, bang, pop, pop goes the backfire, while the roar from the motor sounds like the infernal regions are moving in a corn can. By the time the trucks reach their stopping place half of the inhabitants of the town are awake and the other half are soon due to be disturbed from their peaceful slumbers, for the drivers climb down from their perch and discuss in a voice that would carry over into the next township, everything from the drouth in Kansas to the dance they have waiting for them at the end of the run. If the interruption was only for a short duration one might get up and tune in on a dance orchestra until things quieted down, but it resolves itself into an endurance contest, with only short intermissions, all through the night.

DRAGON GOD DID IT

Writing of the Yangtze flood, the worst disaster in China's history, a United Press correspondent says: Touring the Wu-Han district in a sampan Sunday, visiting Hankow, Wuchang and Hanyang, thousands of starving and exhausted persons were sitting motionless on roofs or in shallow water, calmly awaiting death. I saw few signs of activity except on the part of the military rescue forces and they were unable to arouse the survivors to co-operate in relief work or even to save themselves in many cases. A majority of the 30,000,000 persons affected by the flood over an area of more than 500 miles along the river have been firmly convinced that the disaster was due to the anger of the Yangtze dragon god, who took offense because the river dragon temple was demolished recently.

The frantic mothers, many clasping dead children to their breasts, had fought for scraps of food floating on the yellow water a few days ago. Today I saw them sitting motionless, hardly willing to answer questions, convinced that the dragon god of their ancestors intends to wipe out Hankow and that it is useless to resist. Some of them refused to accept the aid of relief parties and abruptly rejected attempts to remove them to refugee camps in the hills. They were stoic, no longer afraid and, in many ways, calmly courageous in the face of disaster which they believed inescapable.

The fatalism of the natives has made futile the inadequate relief which crews of foreign gunboats have been able to extend. The survivors know that it will be perhaps a month before the flood subsides—although there were indications today of a slight recession—and that there will be no food this winter. Hence, they say, they are ready to die now, rather than starve in the cold of the coming months.

The dreaded outbreak of epidemic came just as relief officials had completed arrangements for inoculation of at least 100,000 persons against cholera. The equipment and medicine is pitifully meager, but the commission has worked desperately under handicaps. Despite their efforts, disease was spreading through the refugee camps, taking a heavy toll of life.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County, in the Matter of the Estate of George M. Banister, 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 19th day of September, 1931, 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 of Umatilla County, at Pendleton, Oregon, as the place, for hearing of said final account and report. Objections, if any there be, to said final account and report should be filed on or before that date. Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 21st day of August, 1931.

MARGARET J. BANISTER, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of George M. Banister, Deceased.

Watts & Prestbye, Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for Executrix, A21515

22 Years Ago

Friday, September 17, 1909

The first meeting of the Athena Commercial Association held since cessation for the harvest season, was held Wednesday evening. There was fairly good attendance and enough enthusiasm was uncoiled to swim several ordinary Association sessions. The climax came when the names of thirty-two new members, which were secured at the basket social and educational rally were by unanimous vote made members of the association.

More as an experiment than anything else, the pastor of the Christian church, encouraged by several friends opened a small reading room in a building on Main street, which during the closing months of the past school year proved so successful that it has been decided to reopen the reading room in larger and more commodious quarters.

C. A. Barrett is in Pendleton serving on the grand jury.

Mrs. Jocelyn Roberts is in the city visiting her mother, Mrs. Koomtz.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Dell spent the week on the Umatilla river.

Mrs. David Taylor is visiting this week with friends in Wenatchee, Wash.

Dr. and Mrs. Vincent and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Judd, of Pendleton, passed through the city in automobiles, Wednesday.

Claude Beale, son of F. J. Beale, and well known in this city, was married Wednesday to Miss Eva Pool of Freewater.

Doug Flynn came from the John Day range this week with 41 head of beef cattle for W. R. Taylor. Mr.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County, in the Matter of the Estate of Charles H. Potter, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administratrix of the estate of Charles H. Potter, deceased, by an order of the above entitled Court.

All persons having claims against the said estate 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 (6) 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 4th day of September, 1931.

ELLEN F. POTTER, Administratrix. Watts and Prestbye, Athena, Oregon, Attorneys for Estate. \$402

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Taylor shipped a carload to Tacoma, reserving the balance for the local market.

Rev. and Mrs. Geisler and family left the first of the week for Wasco, Oregon, where the minister will be stationed for the ensuing year.

A. B. McEwen, T. J. Kirk, Will Ferguson, Henry Koepke and F. S. LeGrow will attend a meeting of the Masonic Commandery at Baker City which convenes next Thursday.

The formation of extremely hard rock through which the artesian well drill is boring this week remains unchanged. The hole is down 475 feet and the workmen expect to strike more water when the rock strata is passed.

Rufus Campbell and wife spent a portion of the week with relatives in Athena. Rufus has recently added 13 head of 3-year-old males to his farm equipment and looks forward to a lively time this winter when he will break them to harness.

Louis Beck and wife of Wichita, Kansas, are in the city. Mr. and Mrs. Beck are old friends of the Gholson and Hiteman families. Mr. Beck crossed the plains by ox team in 1862 and remained near Walla Walla for three years returning to Iowa.

Hundreds of people who filled the grandstand and lined the ropes about the enclosure at Meador park where bucking horses and wild bulls were ridden by fearless riders, came near witnessing a real bull fight, when one of the frantic animals being ridden by Dick Stanley threw him and kicked him in the head rendering him unconscious. His friends rushed to his assistance before the animal could rush in and gore the life from the prostrate form. A physician was summoned.

Wanted—Clean, Cotton rags at the Press office.

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Editorial

We saw where a tattooed man had sued an osteopath. Claims that the latter threw all of his pictures out of focus.

A. M. Johnson, Editor

Don't let the wolf stay outside your door this winter. Invite him inside the house where he can keep warm with Tum-A-Lum coal. Wolves also make excellent fur coats.

POEME

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low price of reroofing or repairing.

In military circles strategy is a method of not letting the enemy know you are out of ammunition by continuing to fire.

Pat—Ere, Mike, I reckon I lost me job—I just dropped a brick and it's broke.

Mike—Go on; that's nothin'.

Pat—Oh, ain't it? It's broke on the foreman's head!

Son—I've forgotten how far I read in my book.

Mother—Just look for the place where the clean pages start.

A little fellow of five years fell and cut his upper lip so badly that a doctor had to be summoned to sew up the wound. The mother in distress could not refrain from saying: "Oh, Doctor, I fear it will leave a disfiguring scar."

Tommy looked up into her tearful face and said: "Never mind, mamma, my moustache will cover it."

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