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THE NEW TAXES

In the last issue of the Oregon Voter the editor shows a number of examples of how the intangibles tax will work on incomes of persons in different financial conditions with, apparently, the intent to prove that it is unfair and inequitable.

For instance a stenographer earning \$125.00 per month and having an income of \$100.00 per month from intangibles will have to pay a tax of \$180.00 per year. A millionaire with an income of \$60,000.00 per year will have to pay a tax of \$4,800.00 per year and will probably leave the state. There are many of them and, true, some of them, using as examples persons of small means all derived from intangible property, seem to show inequality but listen, here are some of our own that we have gathered in this county one of the best wheat growing sections in the entire nation.

Large land company owning several sections of good wheat land spent over \$4000.00 more for taxes and upkeep than the entire income during the year.

Here is a man with two farms considered worth \$30,000.00 receiving an income of \$800.00 from them. The taxes were \$50.00.

There are some men who have leased their farms years ago and have retired who were unable to live on the income from their property and despite advanced age have been forced to go back to the farm sending their renters into other kinds of work.

We do wish that Mr. Chadman would sojourn in the agricultural districts for a few days or weeks and come in contact with the point of view of the farmer. He should visit the court houses in the county seat towns and look long and intently at the list of delinquent taxes posted on the doors. Then he would realize that it is absolutely necessary that property taxes be reduced regardless of who is taxed to replace the money.

The poor little stenographer with her income of \$2700.00 derived from her labor and intangibles receives more money than did the wheat farmer who produced 6,000 bushels of wheat and her expenses do not compare with that of owning a farming outfit and producing wheat. She had an investment of probably \$2000.00; the farmer must have an investment of at least \$30,000.00 to raise 6000 bushels of wheat. She pays, or will pay a tax of \$180.00 and the farmer must pay nearly three times that. No. We just can't feel a bit sorry about the intangible tax law.

There may be a possibility that some men of means will leave Oregon when the new tax laws go into existence, but it is certain that unless taxes become less or incomes much greater many farmers will leave. It will be an excellent thing for the state if we can have industrial plants and increase our manufacturing, but we must keep our farmers and producers for they are also consumers and are needed to develop the state. Our agricultural resources are one of our greatest assets.

Members of the State Tax Commission have stated that the income, intangibles, and excess taxes will probably make a property tax for state purposes unnecessary. If so those laws will lower by about \$40,000,000 the taxes in this county. This is another sixth and added to the sixth that was taken off by the county court last fall will do much to help conditions.

Those who argue with these three forms of taxation are not in touch with the agricultural sections of the state and should come out and get acquainted.

HURRAH! FOR MR. THOMAS

Our hat is off to the new public service commissioner since he has refused to allow the railroads to postpone their reductions past the first of April and we certainly hope he is able to make his rulings final in the matter.

Even so it will be nine months since the railroads were told that reduced rates would be enforced. They were given until October 1st of last year to put them into effect. The time since has been taken up in delays and appeals of one kind or another.

Since last year wheat has declined in price until it takes a third of a bushel of some kinds of wheat to send a bushel to market. It is high time some one with the authority had the nerve to bring this condition to an end and stop forcing the wheat farmers to pay more than they should for transporting their product. While the present ruling may not effect a large proportion of wheat shipments, as it only applies to intrastate transportation, it is a show of authority that has been badly needed.

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We hope for Mr. Thomas that he will be able to make all of his decisions so timely, so fair and so heartily endorsed by public opinion during his term of office.

THE MORO COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Moro Commercial Club has planned two programs for the near future that demand the interest of every citizen interested in public affairs. Our state representatives, J. P. Yates and E. W. Snell, should have many things of interest to tell the folks back home after their eight weeks at the legislature. Charles V. Galloway, of the State Tax Commission, is a student of taxation whose opinions will be interesting at the present time.

It is the duty of every citizen of a republic to interest himself in the problems of government, for the government will not be for the people unless it is also of the people and by the people and meetings of the sort the Commercial Club has arranged bring information to the voters direct from those who make or interpret the laws.

Grass Valley

Henry Tetz was host to his sister and brother over the weekend.

Art Bibby was here from Heppner the first of the week and states that he likes his new location very much.

Mrs. R. H. Johnson returned from Portland this week where she had gone to have young Robert examined.

Doris Stradley entertained several of her playmates last Sunday at a party in honor of her eleventh birthday.

The Woman's Community Club will hold their next meeting with Mrs. Roy Baker Wednesday Apr. 8th.

A. Conklin Buckley and Fat King of Tygh Valley, were here last Sunday, visiting at the Mat Simon home.

Lewis Zogg has moved into the house where he resided until last spring, and the Feely house is now occupied by Arch Zehner and wife.

Local golfers are trying to keep the grass down on the course by the wear and tear of constant play and unless the constant rain causes unnatural activity of the grass roots they will do it.

Mrs. Henry Tetz went to Eugene with Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hughes when they returned to their home last Sunday. She will stay in the university city for a few days.

Miss Marion Homewood, who left last year for the Hawaiian Islands to be with her brother, Lieutenant John Homewood, returned last Tuesday to the home of her mother, Mrs. L. R. French. Lieutenant Homewood's term of service in the islands has been finished and he will have a month's furlow to visit before going to an instruction school in Georgia. Mrs. Boyd Homewood came up from The Dalles with them.

Kent News

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Adams of Antelope are visiting relatives here for a few days.

The Home Economics Club of the Grange gave a surprise party last Saturday evening for Mrs. Charlie Guyton, whose birthday anniversary it was. The evening was spent in playing cards. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, salad, pickles, cake and coffee were served at a late hour.

Miss Loraine Darby spent the week-end in Wasco.

About forty young people enjoyed the party which was given by the Merry Maids' at the Grange hall last Saturday night.

Miss Kate Reckmann of Grass Valley, was a visitor at the home of Pauline Davis last Friday.

Mrs. Ben Allen of Shaniko, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hebert of Portland, visited in Kent last Friday.

The Paul Stoutt family moved to Shaniko last Wednesday.

Mrs. Max Pleumke and daughter, Maxine, attended the operetta, "Jerry of Jerico," given by the Moro high school glee clubs last Saturday night.

The next meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary will be held at the home of Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Wednesday, April 8.

Those from Kent who attended the Grange dance in Grass Valley last Saturday night report having had a most enjoyable time.

Mrs. L. V. Walton was taken to the hospital in The Dalles last Saturday.

The American Legion Auxiliary ladies will have daffodils for sale the latter part of the week. The blooms have been ordered from a floral company on the coast, and will be in first class condition. Anyone desiring flowers for Easter may give her order to Mrs. A. A. Dunlap or any other member of the Auxiliary.

At the last meeting of the Auxiliary, the ladies decided to give a card party Saturday evening, April 11, as a benefit for the Camp Fire Girls who are trying to earn money for their summer

camping trip. The girls desire to go to Camp Sherman, and as they are needing funds everyone is invited to attend, the card party and thus help out the girls.

Kent School Notes

Millard Howell was absent from school two days last week while Harley McKay was absent two days this week.

The eighth graders are now finishing their general review in history.

Joseph Morrow, Clarence Gregg, and Robert Hefler, who are from the seventh and eighth grade room have had perfect attendance for the past seven months.

All the primary children were awarded certificates for being neither absent nor tardy for twenty consecutive days.

Miss Della Hefler is giving an Easter egg hunt at her home next Saturday afternoon. All the primary pupils and their little brothers and sisters have been invited.

Donald MacInnes was unable to attend school this week on account of breaking his glasses.

The ball game which was to have been played with Maupin last Friday had to be postponed because of the stormy weather.

Mr. Knighten, Mrs. Essie Wilson, and Mrs. Rita Harpe attended the institute at Moro last Saturday.

Miss Velma Mathis, K. H. S. '27 graduate, who has been home from the U. of O. during the spring vacation returned to Eugene Sunday.

Plans are being made for May first which will combine May festivities with Health Day, and Achievement Day, with the local declamatory contest being held in the evening, as a culmination of the states activities.

Miss Della Hefler was a visitor in The Dalles last Saturday.

The intermediate pupils elected class officers for their student body last Tuesday. The following were: Luther Davis, pres.; Anita Dunlap, vice pres.; Melvin Barnett, sec.; Charlie Bill Wilson treas.; Edith Gregg, sergeant-at-arms, Maxine Pleumke, flower committee; Paul Schilling and Helen Sather, housekeeping committee; Rose Ellen Barnett, librarian; Phyllis Haynes, bulletin board; Kenneth Gregg take chairs to visitors.

Kenneth Gregg 6th grader, Maxine Pleumke 5th, and Anita Dunlap 4th, were appointed by the president of the intermediate room student body to decorate the flower boxes.

The ladies of the Auxiliary are putting on a poppy poster contest in the school this year. These posters will be used in advertising the sale of Flanders Poppy near Memorial Day. The money derived from the sale of the poppies in this state is all spent in Oregon for men and women who helped to win the World War. Anyone in school is eligible to take part in the poster contest. Pupils will be divided into three divisions, with a first and second prize of one dollar and of fifty cents as first and second prizes for the winners of each division.

Henry Allen has the largest collection of pressed and classified flowers of any of the Botany pupils.

The Epicurean Club met at the home of Alta Norton last Saturday afternoon for a practice luncheon. The menu consisted of: Clam Bisque, Salted Wafers, Fruit Salad, Canopes, Marshmallow Pudding, Cake, Coffee.

Thirty-five or 40 members of the Warrenton high school biology class made a longer stay in the vicinity of Cannon Beach's dead whale than any of them had anticipated. Interest in examining the big mammal was intense and before any were aware the tide had crept in and imprisoned the entire class on a small promontory of land not far from the whale.

At least one section of Deschutes county, north of Bond and east of the Deschutes river, will have to get along without groundhogs as weather prognosticators, according to government biologists who are making arrangements to exterminate a large colony of the marmots. The groundhogs have reached an infestation stage and are causing considerable damage to the crops.

REVIEWS OF CURRENT NEWS



NO MORE attempts to stabilize the price of wheat by large purchases on the open market will be made under the auspices of the federal farm board after the 1930 crop is marketed, which probably will be done by May 31. This was the announcement of the board, whose new chairman, James Stone, and new member, Sam H. Thompson of Illinois, have just taken office. In making its decision known, the board pointed to its past purchases of large wheat stocks and asserted that "it cannot indefinitely hold what it has bought." Farmers must know, the board continued, that "it cannot follow a regular policy of buying at prices above the market and selling below cost."

No definite sales policy for its present big wheat holdings was announced by the board. There were indications, however, that should the farmers display a tendency to help themselves by restricting wheat acreage, the disposal of the 1930 crop holdings would be spread over a long period and sold slowly.

In the market the immediate effect of the announcement was of course a sharp break in prices. On the Chicago Board of Trade wheat deferred futures reached the lowest levels since 1885. July touched 50 1/2 and September went down to 60 cents.

There was quick recovery, however, when the stabilization corporation announced this plan: Effective April 1, the corporation will quote a selling price of 52 1/2 cents a bushel for No. 2 hard winter wheat at Chicago for ordinary quality, with premiums asked for grain of high protein and quality. This price will be advanced 1/4 cent a bushel on April 10 and 1/4 cent a bushel every ten days thereafter until June 30, the date which marks the expiration of the current crop year.

In Washington it was asserted that it was now certain that farm relief legislation would be a major issue during the next session of congress, and something new in this line may be devised. Senator Borah is still urgently supporting the export debenture plan, and Senator Watson of Indiana prefers the equalization fee scheme. Senator McNary also likes the latter program but says he cannot see how it will help solve the present problem in the face of the world wheat surplus. President Hoover is opposed to both these plans. Borah suggests that the present wheat surplus in this country be sent to China or destroyed. The European powers will not let it be dumped on their markets.

MAYOR JIMMY Walker of New York has been given the opportunity to examine and reply to the charges of misfeasance and negligence in office filed against him. Gov. Franklin Roosevelt found himself in a difficult position when asked to oust the mayor or refer the matter to the state legislature for an inquiry, but he extricated himself by the simple expedient of forwarding the charges to Jimmy at his retreat in Palm Springs, Calif., and asking him to make answer when he returned to New York.



However, the affairs of the metropolis are to be thoroughly investigated, and Tammany may be approaching one of its temporary eclipses. The state senate, by the strictly party vote of 23 to 24, adopted a resolution for an investigation by a legislative committee consisting of three senators and four assemblymen, and after a protracted debate the assembly concurred with the senate, the vote being 76 to 70. The action of the senate was a surprise to the Democrats, for Mastick and Westall, the two Republican Westchester senators who had formerly blocked such a resolution, suddenly shifted their votes and went along with their colleagues. Their change of mind occurred when William L. Ward, Westchester Republican leader, dropped his opposition to the inquiry following telephone conversations with prominent Republicans of New York city. The investigation is to include all departments of the municipal government and the inferior courts.

National importance is given this New York scandal by its possible effect on the Democratic party's action in the national convention next year. It may greatly promote the chances of Franklin Roosevelt for the presidential nomination, or it may ruin them. He would be favored by those parts of the country in which the Democrats are politically dry if he were freed from the Tammany brand. But Al Smith is said to be cold to his candidacy, and National Chairman Raskob is reported to be strongly in favor of giving the nomination to Owen D. Young. Tammany itself is split into two factions, one headed by Mayor Walker and John F. Curry and the other by Al Smith.

J. H. Lake, field man for Libby, McNeill & Libby, has about completed the contracting of a limited acreage of cucumbers around Mt. Angel. They have operated in that vicinity for the past two seasons and will be content with about one-third of last year's acreage. A cucumber club, the only one in the state, has been formed at the grade school there.

McKenzie Bridge, the last settlement on the McKenzie highway west of the Cascade mountain summit, may soon have a new two-room school building. Plans are being drawn for such a structure, and an election may soon be called to vote on the project.

Special Savings for Apr. 4th & 6th

Baking Powder Calumet, 1-lb tin	29c
Pink Salmon, 2 tall tins	25c
Gloss Starch, 2-lb pkg	17c
Oranges, medium size, 2 doz	45c
Oregon Prunes, 3-lbs	19c
Schilling's Coffee, vaccum pack, 1-lb	42c
Vanilla or Lemon Ex., 4-oz bottle	33c
Good Pears, 2 No. 2 1/2 tins	37c
Golden West Tea, Black 1-2-lb pkg	42c
Wheaties, 2 pkgs	22c

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