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THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL.

The law proposed by Governor Meier before the newly formed state tax committee provides that the state tax commission, composed in this state of three men, be empowered to judge the acts of any tax levying body within the state if ten tax payers of that district petition for its help. It is also proposed to make 60 percent of the voters favor a bond issue before it can be passed.

It is quite likely that it would be advisable to have the sanction of our present state tax commission on any questionable tax measure, for they are a very creditable body of office holders. Probably we will not always be as fortunate in our tax commissions which would weaken the proposed law.

As for the suggestion that a 60 percent vote should be recorded for a bond issue before it is passed, it is our observation that most of the bond issues that are now causing large taxes were passed with a more favorable vote than this figure.

It is true, as the Governor says, that something must be done to lower the taxes levied by the smaller divisions of the state. We, in Sherman county, know the pleasurable feeling of opening a tax statement and finding it is 20 percent less than the previous year. The other divisions of the state, we have no doubt, would appreciate it just as much.

We believe that even without the state wide committee the tax payers of the state would have demanded a tax cut this fall and would have gotten relief. It is within their power to vote whatever taxes they choose and they should be allowed that privilege as long as they can exercise it. The voters can lower taxes under our present system whenever they want to.

Some doubts will arise in the mind of one who has been taught that the people in this state are supreme in all things when he considers this measure. It is a step toward bureaucracy. In this tax question though, it may be safely stated that the voters have been derelict in their duty toward their city and county. They would not attend budget meetings, they would not ponder over bond issues if some part of the funds so raised were to be spent to their advantage and they have been generally very careless of their rights and duties of citizenship.

If, through the governor's committee, the taxpayers can be brought to a greater interest in their duty and a greater knowledge of the workings of their government, the movement will be an excellent step. If it merely provides another bureau to make for additional red tape and take the government out of the hands of the people, where it must rest in a democracy, it will not be advantageous.

SUMMER SUNDAYS ON THE FARM.

These summer Sundays when the front porch is strewn with the remnants of the daily papers and the family stretches out in solid comfort under the lilac bush or about the lawn trying to get out of the rays of the Eastern Oregon sun, seem to be designed for the exercise of human laziness. So in the towns and cities.

In the country, on the wheat ranches, there isn't really any Sundays in summer. That is in the harvest part of summer. The farmer may be maligned for leading an easy existence during the winter months but no one could accuse him of that during the harvest and pre-harvest days.

He goes busily about from the time the sun peeps over the hill until long after it has dropped to rest at night. He patches this, and gets that ready for the strenuous week ahead. The horses, the harness, the tractor, the combine, rigging for one thing and another, for Sunday is the make ready day.

He knows it is Sunday, surely, but he also knows that it is harvest and that if the year's work is to be graced with income it must be gathered now. Harvest is the day of hurry.

"We the people of the state of Oregon" may come to mean to the office holders, and the declaration "all power is inherent in the people," won't apply to taxation if we do not attend to our own tax levying and give that power over to the state.

If American bankers were as excited about the welfare of American agriculture as they are about German business, the wheat farmers would not have to sell their wheat for 35 cents per bushel.

The question arises, did the Germans close the banks because they didn't get a loan, or so they could shock the world into giving them a loan?

Portland's George seems to be as popular at home as in France even if he didn't get to kiss the queen.

Maybe Albert B. Fall has one of those headaches just for school that we used to declaim about.

Heck! I dunno as it is worth while getting to be famous if all the neighbor women are going to tell what they really thought about you. How about it Herbert?

If Harding had made Fall secretary of state he'd have sold the whole darn country to somebody. Maybe we are lucky, at that.

Wheat is worth 35 cents when put into the warehouse and \$1.00 when put into a hog. The rarer the product, the rarer the price.

Grass Valley

An Uncle Tom's Cabin show was here last Friday night.

Fred Fisk is visiting at the I. D. Pike home, from Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shepard were in Portland over the week end.

R. J. Baker has been on the verge of a sick spell with chills and fever.

Grace Gervais is visiting in Goldendale with the Spickerman family for a few days.

Mrs. Lillian Coon returned home last week from a visit with her parents near Colton.

Millard Eakin was here the first of the week on his rounds as auditor for private firms.

Fred Cox and family returned Monday from a few days spent visiting in and near Hood River.

Jim Syron drove in Tuesday night from a trip to the valley. He will remain until after harvest.

Don Clodfelter and wife drove to Portland Saturday with a truck load of stock, returning Monday.

The Reckmann combine was moved to their ranch near Klondike where they will begin to harvest.

Glady's Perry is still in the hospital but is now recovering and will be able to come home within a reasonable time.

The front of the Hays garage has been decorated with a new coat of paint this week by the crew of the oil company.

Hubert Hutchcroft and family returned from Forest Grove this week and states they expect to move to that city in a short time.

Lumber for a new house on the J. Harvey Smith place is being hauled and work will begin on construction as soon as possible.

Chester Zumwalt, Mrs. Annula and Miss Annula, all of Hood River, visited at the Arne Annula home here the first of the week.

Mrs. W. I. Westerfield accompanied Vern McGowan as far as Portland last Monday when he returned to his home near Independence.

Clarence Nelson arrived Monday morning to resume his place on the section as his relief foreman job on the Deschutes branch was finished.

Mrs. Bessie Daugherty Mulkey and children are visiting at the A. L. Russell home for a few days. Mrs. Mulkey lives in Silverton and is a sister of Mrs. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Snyder, of Battleground, Wash., are at the L. D. Eakin home. Mrs. Marion VanMetre and children are also visiting Mrs. VanMetre's parents.

Harry French and wife from Duluth, Minn., arrived Tuesday to visit relatives here. Mr. French is a cousin to L. R. and C. F. French and expects to

locate in the west.

Mrs. I. N. Lemon and E. B. Lemon were here Sunday to look over the prospects of a crop from their ranch farmed by S. L. Stark. Mrs. Lemon is returning from a trip east.

Charles Olds came home last week from his sheep shearing trip into Montana. He reports that Montana is in a very bad way as there is neither crops or feed for stock there this year.

The whereabouts of our one time blacksmith has held the attention of several business men since Ray Blake saw him working near Klamath Falls. When Luke Bibby and Dick Huhman tried to find him however, he had taken a vacation.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Principal Events of the Week Assembled for Information of Our Readers.

Emma Fowler, 50, ex-La Grande city treasurer, was sentenced to a maximum term of ten years in state prison as a result of her conviction on a charge of misappropriating more than \$108,000 of city funds.

Lincoln county people, particularly shipping interests of the Yaquina bay, are gratified with a decision of the commissioner of customs to retain the office of deputy collector of customs at Newport.

With the thermometer hovering around the 100-mark, apples in a number of the orchards were sunburned in the Hood River valley. It is estimated that the loss will not exceed 5 per cent. Prospects point to 50 per cent of a normal crop of apples and 65 per cent of a pear crop.

Construction has again been resumed on the telephone line which is to connect Prineville and Mitchell. Permit for this construction was obtained from the forest service, and S. C. Johnson, president of the Blue Mountain Telephone company, has a crew of men at work setting poles and stringing wires.

One of the largest runs of California smelt ever to come up the coast is opposite Pacific City. People around there are taking buckets, kettles and other utensils and filling them with sardines. As the waves wash them in on the beach, they pile up to a height of several inches and it is a simple matter to scoop them up.

Rev. Elton G. O. Groat, 57, Baptist minister and organizer of the Baptist church of Cottage Grove, died recently at his home at Cottage Grove. Mr. Groat was for more than 72 years a licensed preacher and for more than 17 years preached in the Oregon country. During his years in the ministry he organized 35 Baptist churches.

At 2 p. m., July 27, in the Owyhee irrigation district office at Nyssa, Engineer F. A. Banks will receive bids for construction of the Thief valley dam on Power river, about eight miles south of Telocaset. Work will begin this fall under the direction of Engineer Banks and it is expected the dam will be completed within a year.

A White Leghorn hen owned by August Rakel of Canemah is so proud she won't associate with other hens in the flock, and perhaps she is justified. She crows every morning, making a noise exactly like that of a rooster, and every day she lays an egg which is the shape and size of a golf ball. This unusual hen is 7 years old.

Rural electric rates of the Molalla Electric and Young Electric companies of Oregon were ordered reduced to parity with urban rates of

the two companies. Charles M. Thomas, public utilities commissioner, made the order. The companies operate in Molalla, Aurora, Barlow, Hubbard, Donald, Wilsonville, Stafford and adjacent territory.

Word has been received at Lakeview that on July 30 the highway commission will let contracts for the completion of the grade of the Lakeview-Burns highway from the Lake-Harney county line to Riley on the Central Oregon highway. The stretch to be contracted for is approximately 40 miles long. Construction is in progress on the south 52 miles of the highway.

Twenty-seven thousand dollars of the city's bonded indebtedness was permanently retired July 1, Mayor Harvey of Baker has announced. At the same time the mayor stated that the new city financing plan was 100 per cent effective. The reduction of the city's indebtedness and the lesser rate of interest on the existing indebtedness has resulted in a material saving in interest.

Gold ore that assays \$8 to the ton with 56 cents additional values in silver, has been found within four feet of the surface on the old William Arnold homestead on the Ochoco project, by G. C. Larkin, reenter from Crook county which bid the place in for delinquent taxes two years ago. There is an abundance of ore which is free milling and carries its value in flake gold.

Four white bass, the first ever reported caught in the Willamette river, according to local anglers, were landed near Corvallis by L. T. Chellis of Corvallis. They were identified by Professor Nathan Faiston, head of the zoology department at Oregon State college. As near as could be learned from any records there this variety probably originated from those put in the river following the world's fair in Portland in 1905, when the fair did not want to go to the expense of returning the fish to their native country.

Harold Clark of Creswell was recovering at a Eugene hospital recently from injuries received when a bull trampled him. Clark was leading the animal when it started butting him. He clung to the ring in its nose and thus prevented more serious injury.

Construction was started at the Oregon caves on a \$50,000 hotel of Swiss chalet architecture, according to Sam H. Baker, member of the board of directors, which met recently. The foundation for the chalet is being laid in the ravine below the present hotel.

Approximately 1000 kiddies of the lower Columbia district and their pets were in the lower Columbia pet parade held in Astoria recently.

The Fourth of July will be celebrated at Parkdale this year and the people of the entire Hood river valley will unite in the celebration.

Free ferries was provided by the highway commission on Alsea and Yaquina bays, beginning May 29, to provide service for Memorial week end.

Reports received in Salem from Washington, D. C., indicate that there are 18,332 widows in the state of Oregon. More than half of this number are in Portland.

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EDITORIAL.

Dear Editor; What is meant by being diplomatic? Well, my friend, if you tell your wife that time stands still when you look into her eyes, that is diplomacy. Put if you tell her that her face would stop a clock, that's foolishness. E. E. Gervais, editor.

—T-A-L—

If it is possible for you to build and you do not buy now, you will find you have missed a great opportunity. Says our Handy Man.

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—T-A-L—

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—T-A-L—

1 Hot weather's here.
2 It comes each year.
3 But this year it seems hotter.
4 My wife says
5 Instead of shirts
6 I should wear a blotter.

—T-A-L—

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—T-A-L—

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