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## YOU CAN'T EAT YOUR CAKE --

It costs, says the governor, 19.3 percent of the income of the people of Oregon for taxes. It costs 108,000,000 dollars out of a total income of 560,000,000. Why? Why do we have to pay one dollar out of every five?

Because we have the government do so many things for us. We have one type of government build school houses and educate the young with all the attendant details.

Because we declare war and keep armies ready to fight our battles whenever we are persuaded that we have something to gain or lose.

Through another branch of government we make laws and support courts with judges and juries and courthouses and jails to make those laws effective.

We tax automobiles and gasoline to build our roads all through government agencies.

We hire clerks and sheriffs and assessors to keep our records straight, to try to catch our criminals and to see that everyone is taxed properly.

We tax nearly every business in the state and nation and the people pay the ultimate bill. The tobacco we smoke, the mechanics, machinery, oleomargarine, banks, insurance companies, warehouses, fishermen, real estate men all pay their quota to some branch of government.

Electricians, plumbers, dentists, doctors, lawyers and nearly every profession devised by man pay their tax to the state or nation.

Why does it cost so much? Rather, how does it cost so little? Every year we are making more laws, adding more men to the payroll to oversee some detail of existence.

Our civilization is so intricate; the honesty of our citizens is so questionable that all these laws are or have been deemed necessary to protect one man from the avarice of another; communities vote for so many improvements that taxes have grown by leaps and bounds.

These are perilous times. People arise in wrath against taxes and declare that they should be reduced. During these times we will reduce them. We will make some effort at better governmental management. We will fire the old and hire the new. Change here and out there.

But when this is all over we will go back to the old system of asking anything and everything of the government. We will never cut down the tax bill for any long period of time until we expect less from governments; until we are honorable enough to live with each other honorably; until we do not cooperate together to build and buy the things we want.

The reason we have contracted to pay one fifth of our income to government is because we expect to get the equivalent of that much service from government. It is stated that we are the most socialistic government in the world which is probably true. And we are continually becoming more so. That is why taxes are high.

Our effort to reduce them will be of minor effect unless we overcome this tendency.

## "I HAVEN'T BORROWED A DOLLAR."

An increasing number of farmers are saying to us, "I haven't borrowed a dollar from the bank since last fall," and some include two years instead of one in their self-supporting history.

Pride in independence from the bank is something new in Sherman county. Rather, farmers have been wont to boast of the fact that the bank would loan them sums of money that in these days sound preposterous. Such was the effect of bonanza farming.

It took times like these to show the country how dangerous it was to borrow money year after year without ever reducing gross indebtedness. These farmers who are not borrowing money this year are holding their own in what has been called the worst times in a generation. When times improve—and they will—these men will know the first lesson in financial success which is to keep the expenses within the income.

Which is all more or less introductory to the statement that the meeting of last Friday night was held in the interest of just the sort of farmer who does want to make his expenses in some other way outside of the wheat crop. If the proposed organization is formed it will be possible for farmers to borrow government money to purchase livestock if they are prepared to care for them.

If this district had two hundred thousand additional dollars invested in livestock divided among the farmers all of them could then say with the same pride that characterizes the independent man, "I haven't borrowed a dollar from the bank."

This county, like many other agricultural districts, is in the process of a change. Our old system of great credits to wheat producers has been broken up because our price structure is not sufficiently stable to make such loans safe. Farmers are not the sort of people who will quit when such conditions come upon them; they will just finance themselves. Just now we are in the process of learning how to do that very thing.

It isn't hard to visualize a time when the farmers, with plenty of livestock on their farms, will work as hard to keep from borrowing money as they worked to borrow money in the past. Then we will have achieved a greater independence than this country has ever possessed heretofore.

Mr. President: I move you that Captain Exon be commissioned to haul the Farm Board's surplus to Europe.

## Grass Valley

Mrs. Betsy McInnis spent Sunday here with Mrs. C. B. Doyle. Home cured bacon 15 cents per pound at Grass Valley Meat Market.

Jess Beardsley and his family spent the week end in The Dalles.

L. R. French and B. J. Clark of Eugene, drove to Pendleton Sunday on a business trip.

Young Gordon Cochran is here to spend the summer with his uncle, Eben Kee, and wife.

Nadine King came up from Portland last week to spend several weeks with relatives here.

Mrs. Lucy Ruggles spent a part of the week in Moro where she visited her children who live there.

Agnes Simon was injured slightly the first of the week when she fell from her bicycle into loose gravel.

Viggo Haufelt is here from Portland to remain until after harvest. He has been attending dental college.

Gladys Perry returned from the hospital and it is hoped that she will convalesce quickly now that she is home.

Rev. W. J. Boise of Prineville, was here last Sunday and preached to the congregation of the Baptist church.

Bob Hayes came up from Aberdeen, Wash., last Monday and is helping with the harvest at the Hans Koepke ranch.

B. B. Gervais, father of Jack Gervais, took Jack's children with him to Elgin last week, returning them Tuesday.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Schadwitz of Moro, a son Tuesday, July 21, at S. B. Holmes home in Grass Valley.

Ed Alley traded his race horse to Sam Ohlds who lives near Terrebonne one day last week for a bunch of young heifers.

A. L. Russell came home with his combine the first of the week from Moro where he has been harvesting for Howard Conlee.

Mrs. Bessie Mulkey and children, who have been visiting Mrs. A. L. Russell, returned to their home near Silverton last week.

Mrs. L. C. Dickson was in The Dalles the first of the week with Mrs. Addie Borthwick who is at the hospital suffering from a nervous breakdown.

Parent Eslinger and Adeline Sharp were married in Vancouver last Friday and spent a part of their honeymoon visiting here with Mr. and Mrs. James Blagg.

Ray Blake will do the sampling of wheat for the Moro and Grass Valley local grain growers. On alternate days he will go to Hay Canyon and Kent gathering samples of all the wheat brought to those warehouses.

A very pleasant party was held at the Grange hall last Saturday night with friends of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ragsdale gathered to wish them good luck and God speed on their journey to La-Grande where they will make their home after August first.

Lyle Hogue suffered a queer illness last Monday morning while working on the Jim Wilson combine. About seven o'clock when it was very hot he took a drink of water and climbed on the machine. He doesn't remember anything for three hours, but he probably fainted and fell off the combine. He walked to Haynes' garage without knowing anything about it and was sent home.

Diamond peak, which can be seen from Lake Odell, now is bare. This mountain has nearly always been snow-capped the year round. Its bareness so early in the summer is laid to the fact that there was a light snowfall in the mountains last winter.

The Eugene school board has lowered the amount to be rated for next year for taxation from \$231,549.29 to \$225,252.75. The total of the budget will be slightly higher than this year, but receipts will be greater and this accounts for the lowered taxation.

Euros will be assigned the task of carrying two lookout houses to the top of Cascade national forest promontories. Ready-cut materials for the lookout stations have been trucked to Elk lake, and Dee Wright and Ed Woods, veteran packers, will load the houses on muleback and carry them to the summits of Olallie butte and Horse mountain.

## OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

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

### THE MARKETS

#### Portland

Wheat — Big Bend bluestem, hard wheat, 53c; soft white and western white, 48c; hard winter, northern spring and western red, 45c.

Hay—Haying price, t. o. b. Portland: Alfalfa, \$15.50; valley timothy \$15.50 @ 16; eastern Oregon timothy, \$15 @ 18.50; clover, \$11; oat hay, \$11; oats and vetch, \$10 @ 10.50.

Butterfat—21 @ 23c.

Eggs—Ranch, 16 @ 19c.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$7.75 @ 8.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$8.25 @ 8.85.

Lambs—Good to choice, \$5.75 @ 6.

#### Seattle

Wheat — Soft white and western white, 48c; hard winter, western red and northern spring, 46c; bluestem, 50c.

Eggs—Ranch, 14 @ 22c.

Cattle—Choice steers, \$6.75 @ 7.50.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$8.90 @ 9.

Lambs—Choice, \$5 @ 5.75.

#### Spokane

Cattle—Steers, good, \$7 @ 8.

Hogs—Good to choice, \$8.50 @ 8.75.

Lambs—Medium to good, \$4.50 @ 5.25

Earwigs, home and garden pests, cut the electricity off in a home near Silverton recently. An electrician found 60 had made a nest in one socket, thus preventing a contact.

The pie cherry crop now being picked on the Keenwood ranch near Silverton will be about 20 tons, or one-third of the 1930 total, according to L. G. McDonald, superintendent.

Damage of approximately \$10,000 was caused by a fire which destroyed the Springfield planing mill and an adjacent electric sawmill recently. Origin of the fire was in doubt.

James Caldwell, a farmer in the Riverside district, Linn county, has on display some freak oats. The heads are on long stems or vines leading from the main stalk several inches.

A strong flow of artesian water is issuing from the well drilled on the old Brooks place two miles southeast of Mosier on the old Seven Mile Hill road. The well is only 55 feet deep.

While sinking a well for The Dalles water department, workmen have brought to the surface fragments of pine bark that came from a depth of 295 feet. The bark is well preserved.

Approximately 10,000 bushels of wheat burned on the Barnet, Marquardt and Shriver places near Lexington. A combine, belonging to Charles Marquardt also was burned.

Members and friends of the First Christian Church of Monmouth gathered there Sunday, July 19, to commemorate the 75th anniversary of its founding with an old-time reunion and home-coming service.

Salem's campaign for a municipal water system has been checked by the decision of the state supreme court that the special election held last May that authorized the issuance of \$1,200,000 in bonds was invalid.

Medford and Klamath Falls will be invited to cooperate with Ashland in an effort to interest the state highway commission in the improvement of the Greenspring Mountain highway from the summit to Klamath Junction.

L. L. Starr, Portland cleaner, arrived in Newport at 11 o'clock at night and chartered a seagoing fishing boat at 4 o'clock in the morning, returned at 9 with 22 salmon, and departed for Portland in his automobile with the fish.

Oiling of the Gale Creek road from Forest Grove through Timber to the Columbia county line has been started under the direction of the Washington county engineer, J. W. Barney. The project calls for oiling of 23 miles of road.

A petition is being circulated in Washington county to have the state game commission build a fish hatchery on Scoggins creek to replace the Clear Creek hatchery, which is to be discontinued on account of lack of water.

Dedication ceremonies for the N. J. Sinnott memorial, an observation station and museum constructed last year in Crater Lake national park, will be dedicated this month during the visit of the congressional appropriations committee.

Prizes offered by the merchants of Myrtle Point at the annual flower show of the Myrtle Point Flower club recently aroused keen competition in every department, as well as bringing out the finest display of blooming foliage ever exhibited there.

C. F. McDonald of Cannon Beach has received a silver medal from the United States treasury department for bravery in saving the life of Mrs. Alice Shelmier, 80 years old, in October, 1929. She was caught by a big wave while walking on the beach.

The red spider now preying on the pear trees in the Hood River valley is causing some damage to the trees by denuding the tree of its foliage, which in turn produces inferior fruit. Growers are busy with an oil spray, fighting the spider pest.

Road work under way throughout Jackson county will be stopped within the next few days, members of the county court have announced. Laxitude of taxpayers in making payments for the first half of the year is given

as the reason for stopping construction work.

There are 4303 pupils in the schools of Union county, according to a report made by E. A. Sayre, the county superintendent. Of this number 3231 were elementary and 1072 in high school. The school census shows that there are 6353 persons of school age in the county.

Five-year contracts for transportation of Grants Pass district No. 7 high and grade school pupils and pupils of outside districts to the Grants Pass schools have been signed. The new contract price is \$4 per month per pupil in the district and \$33 per year for outside pupils.

The Dalles Growers' Cooperative association, which has packed in sulphurous brine solution 3450 barrels of cherries, will start a crew of 75 women pitting and stemming the fruit preparatory to marketing it in eastern seaboard centers where maraschino factories are located.

The Southern Pacific railroad has announced a reduction from 63 1/2 to 50 cents per hundred in freight rates on fruit wrappers between Portland and Medford. The new rate will mean a substantial saving to fruit growers, who consume between 600 and 700 tons annually in the Rogue River valley.


Visitors to Rockaway over a recent week-end were thrilled by the arrival of millions of anchovies. Out between the third and fourth breaker the water was blue with the fish and as they were driven into shallow water they were caught in every conceivable way, in buckets, kitchen utensils, hats and even by hands.

High on the glaciers of the Three Sisters, only 300 feet below the wind-swept summits, millions of large golden brown butterflies are fluttering over the packed snow and lava rocks. Great swarms of the winged insects also have been reported from Mount Washington. On the Three Sisters there were so many butterflies that at times they formed clouds and fluttered around alpinists like gigantic mosquitoes.

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