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TAX PAYMENTS.

Some concern is expressed about the lack of tax money in the state and county and some inquire how the government activities are to be carried on unless taxpayers pay their taxes and provide the state with a little money. Well, it is going to be reasonably tough, at that, but people cannot be expected to pay money to the state when they need it very bad themselves.

The legislature was very obliging at their last meeting and made the interest rate on delinquent taxes a moderate 8 percent instead of the 12 it has been for years and also took off the penalty. Now it is possible to owe the county for taxes as cheaply as one can owe the banker for borrowed money and the sheriff and other county officers are going to speak just as pleasantly as ever to taxpayers and are not going to bother them about the little matter of tax money. The legislature, for once, did something real helpful during a depression.

True, it is going to be hard on those public activities dependent on taxes for support. Also true, it would be doubly hard on farmers to pay 12 percent on delinquent taxes when their entire crop was insufficient to pay their levies. Money for public affairs will come after personal needs. And who says that it should not be so?

It is written in the records and the old timers talk about the time that the county was on a warrant basis. It happened when Sherman county was in its swaddling clothes. We assumed a certain portion of the debt of Wasco county when we were born nearly full sized and, as there was no money in the treasury and little value to the property, county bills were paid with warrants. Old advertisements in the papers of that time announced that certain persons would buy county script. Times were not so good in '92 and '93 either.

The basis upon which this script was sold was not stated, but it may be presumed that some discount was taken. Any way the times improved, as they have a habit of doing, and the county worked its self out of debt and has been on a cash basis ever since.

Therefore, we may safely prophesy, though it is a dangerous habit, that this tax muddle will all come out in the wash, so to speak and it may be regarded some day as having been very lucky for all concerned.

THE DECLINE AND FALL OF HORSE STEALING

The fact that a man is held in the county jail with the charge of horse stealing placed against him leads to some queer remarks and conclusions about the comparative seriousness of a crime within a few years of our rapidly advancing civilization.

When the west was becoming settled and the horse was the fastest and best transportation, if not the only means of travel, the theft of a man's horse was sometimes a catastrophe resulting in death or serious danger. The crime was considered the most heinous of offences against property and was punished severely. The persistent horsethief was often times dropped from a handy tree or high bridge as a means of curing his habit of using his rope on other men's horse flesh. So in the old days a horse thief was a criminal of the first water.

But our speeding civilization has changed all this. As the automobile has made the horse obsolete as a means of travel it has also made the theft of a horse a lesser crime than in pioneer days. The black-bearded, hard riding, gun-packing, accurate roping criminal of olden days has become just another petty thief with none of the trapping of romance to set him apart from the great mass of car thieves, bootleggers and house breakers.

Our horse thief, nowadays, remains in jail until some friend finds bail for him and the ordinary jail key keeps him safely until morning. No gang of comrades come out of a story book or pulp magazine to tie the sheriff, break open the iron door and go galloping off over the horizon with the celebrated prisoner for that era has itself gone over the horizon of time to return no more except in the minds of the western fiction writer.

ANOTHER INFLUX OF PALEFACES

Why in the name of all that is sensible are all the men who are appointed to help in the relief of agriculture city men? If it was not for the names printed beneath their photographs they might be taken for a group of bankers or other professional men with their office bleached faces and modishly cut clothes.

This last bunch of federal appointees, who are theoretically going to pull the smaller banks out of the hole are all bankers of the larger banks. It is most probable that they know banking from one end to the other, but in order to put the smaller banks on their feet it will be necessary to put agriculture on its feet first. What do they know about farming?

So many federal commissions are composed of men who know nothing of the bonafide farmer, do not understand his troubles or his philosophy or his point of view and often lose his confidence and fail. We do not say that a commission should be made up of men jerked Cincinnatus like from the plow, but any body of men formed for the purpose of aiding agriculture should be near enough to the actual farmers to speak their language and know their problems.

Hol Hol! Now it is the state that pays, and pays, and pays.

Grass Valley

Bob Poley was here Sunday from Eugene where he is attending school.

The Methodist Ladies Aid held a "quilting bee" at the church Thursday.

Roy Hull moved to Vancouver, Washington where he will live in the future. His family accompanied him.

C. W. Fields found a house at 313 Greenwood Ave., in Bend and moved his family to that city the last of the week.

The Baptist Ladies Aid had a pot luck dinner at Mrs. R. J. Baker's home, Wednesday.

The friends of Mrs. Carrie Stanton Oaks here, will be interested to know she is improving from a recent operation. She is visiting this week with friends in Portland.

Grover Young moved his family into town for the winter and is occupying the French house. Grover expects to work on the Sheras' road.

Charles Lemley and family are moving to section where Hutchcroft farmed as they have sold the outfit on the place near town to Tom Alley, who moved in last Sunday and Monday.

Florin Coon returned the last of the week from Madras where he was working in a barber shop for a few days.

Dr. M. B. Taylor was here the first of the week to make arrangements for renting his place south west of town.

Manuel Eslinger of the Gorman district visited the Gus Engstrom family last Sunday.

Mrs. W. I. Westerfield is leaving the last of the week for Portland where she expects to live during the winter months.

The Grass Valley Bridge club met last Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Erma Olds. Mrs. Sadie Alley and Mrs. Arzell Lemley were winners of the prizes for best players.

Miss Patsy Thompson and Miss Grace Edmonds were away from town over the week end. Miss Edmonds in Seattle and Miss Thompson in Portland.

Arthur Justensen was in Portland the last of the week.

Arthur Bibby and Harry Beezley were visitors here and at the Bibby home this week.

John Padden, of the Union Pacific was in town Monday evening conferring with railroad employees here.

Kent News

Roy Martin of The Dalles stopped in Kent a few minutes Monday.

Dick Reckmann left for Klondike Tuesday morning where he will begin his fall work.

Marguerite Mitchell, Hester and Edna Lyons and Earl Tweet were visitors in Shaniko Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Amandus von Borstel returned home Monday night after visiting friends and relatives in Washugal, Wash., and Portland, during the past week.

Arthur Justesen returned home Sunday from Portland where he has been having his finger doctored.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young and family have moved to Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. I. E. Wilson left Monday for Spokane, Wash., and other points to seek a new location.

Harry Howell won the flower garden quilt which was given away by the Grange last Saturday night.

Mrs. John Adams and daughter, Pearl, visited at the E. M. Helyer home Sunday.

Paul Wilson and wife have moved out to the Gates place northeast of Kent.

The Honey Bees of the Kent Grange gave a program Saturday evening, consisting of a play, "Her Son's Sweetheart," a duet by Alta Norton and Maudie McKay, and songs by Gene Hoskinson. After the program the evening was spent in dancing.

At midnight refreshments were served.

Mrs. Adelbert Rees of Shaniko, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, returning home Monday.

Mr. W. A. Young returned home from Hood River Monday evening where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. R. Horner.

Earl Tweet of Redmond, spent the week end in Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson and Carl Gregg were visitors in Moro Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cox of Grass Valley were visitors in Kent one day last week.

A crowd of young folks started out to charivari Mr. and Mrs. Deitrich Reckmann last Sunday evening but were unable to catch the young couple. Another attempt will be made before long, which it is hoped will be successful.

Kent Grange met on its usual meeting night, October 14.

Mrs. J. R. Dellinger visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stout of Shaniko, Tuesday.

Frank Sias and Miss Velma Matthes spent the week-end in Kent. Mr. Sias is a teacher at Banks, Ore., while Miss Matthes teaches at Enterprise, Oregon.

Mrs. Frank Haynes was ill last week with tonsillitis.

Estol Hartley and John Reckmann were visitors in Kent Sunday.

Wayne McCulloch's sister is visiting here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dellinger were visitors in The Dalles Sunday.

W. G. Helyer and son left Tuesday morning to go deer hunting. They were accompanied by W. H. and W. L. Helyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Phelan and family left for The Dalles last Friday, where Mr. Phelan will run the Shell oil plant for two weeks.

Miss Cassie Holmes is at the J. C. Wilson home where she is caring for Mrs. Wilson who has been quite sick this last week with bronchial pneumonia.

A. A. Dunlap attended county court in Moro Tuesday.

Wm. Mitchell began road work on Shera's grade, west of Kent, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. MacInnes moved into town Sunday afternoon.

Paul McKay and son, Don and Walter Carson who have been visiting with their relatives, have returned to their homes.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckmann returned home from Portland last Friday.

Miss Loraine Darby and Anita Dunlap spent the week end in Wasco.

Mrs. W. C. Helyer and daughter, Della and Mrs. Rita Harpe were shoppers in The Dalles Saturday.

Mrs. Essie Wilson, Mrs. Betty Kelly and Charlie Bill Wilson went to Antelope last Saturday morning, where they visited at the home of W. R. Adams.

The Kent Auxiliary officers will go to Antelope for installation Wednesday night.

Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Charles and Margaret Dunlap, Mrs. Paul Wilson and Lester Wilson went to Shaniko last Sunday to play tennis.

A. A. Dunlap returned home last Friday from a trip to Salem.

Jack Kelly, Kent barber, returned from Grass Valley where he has been barbering the past week for Florin Coon.

E. M. Helyer was a visitor in Shaniko Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cox and family of Grass Valley, were visitors in Kent Tuesday evening.

Luther Davis went to The Dalles last Tuesday to receive medical aid.

Mrs. Luther Davis was reported as being ill the latter part of last week.

Kent School Notes

The Kent High School girls organized a Cooking Club Friday, September 27th. The following officers were elected: Alta Norton, president; Clarice Wilson, vice president; Florence Young, secretary-treasurer. The

organization will be known as the Epicurean Club. Mrs. Harpe will be club leader.

The Reading Circle books were received Monday and are now ready to be loaned to high school pupils. Donald MacInnes is librarian.

The members of the fifth grade are giving a health play, "The Safety Pirates of Laffolot Bay." As there were not enough parts for every one, Anita Dunlap is to be the stage manager as well as prompter.

The health contest that is being held in the primary room is causing a lot of good natural rivalry between the girls and boys. The girls are one point ahead at present.

Billie Wilson brought the seventh and eighth grade room an interesting colored picture of the Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States.

Kenneth Stout of Shaniko, who has been visiting at the home of his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dellinger, visited the primary room Friday.

The boys and girls of the primary room wish to thank Charlie Bill Wilson for the use of his barn and farm animals which are being used on the sand table.

The Wawansee Camp Fire girls met at the home of Maxine Pluemke on October 6th. Nine members were present. Several things were discussed, one of which was the Mother and Daughter banquet that will be given on the evening of October 17.

The girls who are working for Fire Makers rank will plan the menu and serve at the banquet. This is a necessary requirement that must be fulfilled before they can take the rank. After the meeting had adjourned and Camp Fire songs had been sung the group were served with waffles by Mrs. Pluemke. On their next meeting night the girls are going to hike out near Anna Sather's home and cook their supper over an open fire.

Monday afternoon the pupils of the intermediate room published their first paper, "Intermediate News." Charlie Bill Wilson acted as editor.

The Epicurean Club will meet at the J. E. Norton home Friday afternoon. Alta Norton and Clarice Wilson will act as hostesses.

The members of the seventh and eighth grade student body elected the following officers who are to serve the next four weeks. Harley McKay, president; Jack Sather, vice president; Phillis Helyer, secretary-treasurer; Myrtle Helyer, librarian; Robert Mitchell, sheriff; Mrs. Wilson, decorator; Clarice Mitchell, personal inspector; Millard Howell, property inspector; Bertha-Helyer, English inspector; and Billie Wilson, manner inspector.

Florence Young has withdrawn from the Kent High School and will now attend school in Grass Valley.

With Miss Darby as coach, the grade girls have organized a volleyball team which practices at 12:30 on school days.

The Kent vally ball girls journeyed to Grass Valley last Friday evening and although they put up a good fight, Grass Valley won with a score of 43-34. The girls will play Rufus this Friday on the home floor.

The pupils of the intermediate room have been divided into two sides, headed by Helen Wilson and Maxine Pluemke respectively, for the purpose of finding out which side will earn the most Reading Circle Certificates. The losers will give a party for the winners.

Nearly 3000 Chinese pheasants have been released this season. The Jackson County Game Protective Association from its outdoor pheasant near Medford.

Starting last week much of the commercial catch of salmon at Wheeler is being mild-cured, packed in huge tierces and shipped to foreign markets, where it is completely cured and sold. The fish prepared at Wheeler now are destined for Germany.

Albany's fire record is among the best in the state, Lester Davis, secretary of the state fire marshal, told the Albany Chamber of Commerce recently. The loss during 1930 was but \$102,34 a fire, compared with an average county loss of \$934.32 a fire, he said.

George Washington Wendorfer of Oregon City, who has been confined in the Veterans' hospital in Portland for the past year, celebrated his 103rd birthday anniversary at the hospital Friday, October 9. It is believed that Mr. Wendorfer is the oldest person in the state.

A Pendleton deer slayer went into the southern Umatilla hills, weary and fell asleep among the trees, deer, bear, mountain lions and what not. When he awoke his rifle was gone. The modern Rip Van Winkle told his story in town, and the friend who stole the gun returned it.

The Clatsop county court has agreed to lease 23 lots in Warrenton to H. F. Van Volkenberg for a period of three years for \$75 cash payment and \$25 a year. The land is to be used as a stock farm.

Residents of Oregon paid an aggregate of \$40,572,438 in premiums for all kinds of insurance during 1930 and collected a total of \$12,511,524 in loss claims during the year according to the annual report of A. H. Averill, state insurance commissioner.

used as an experiment farm for vegetables for late fall production and winter marketing.

Preliminary work on the new federal building to be erected in Oregon City has been started. Workmen are now busy digging down through the top soil to bedrock and samples of the different strata of earth will be forwarded to Washington, D. C., where plans and specifications will be prepared.

Receipts for the 76th Oregon state fair, which closed its gates recently, are approximately 5 per cent under those of last year, it was announced by Max Gehlbach, director of agriculture and head of the state fair. Total paid admissions this year were \$62,542 against \$66,268.75 in 1930, a difference of \$3826.75.

Fremont of the Klamath Falls department will spend their spare time on duty repairing discarded and broken toys. The remodeled playthings will be given to needy children of that city at Christmas. A prize of \$5 is offered for the best name for the repair organization which the firemen have formed among themselves.

Mrs. Ruth A. Byrne, 1239 Broadway, Salem, has attended every one of the 70 fairs since the big show was first introduced on its present site in 1861. She was a visitor to the fair recently and admits that she still gets a thrill out of it, in spite of the many times she has viewed the cream of the state agricultural and industrial exhibits.

One of the largest single batches of bent grass seed ever certified in this state has just been sealed by the state inspector for W. P. Reed and Logan Knapp of Reedsport. These two growers had 14,900 pounds of the Seaside bent which was released four or more times and when inspected contained less than half of one per cent of foreign matter.

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