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THIS TAX BUSINESS

There has been a lot of ballyhoo about the reduction of the state tax, while county, school district and city levying boards have been criticized because they have not made like reductions. Most of this sort of talk is just plain hokey.

This county and practically all the school districts in it have reduced taxes more than the State of Oregon and also they did it a year before the state did. What makes the change in state taxes look so big is not reduction at all but readjustment and equalization. Instead of putting taxes on real property they were transferred to intangibles, incomes and excises. This is a movement with which we heartily concur, but it should not be allowed to mask as tax reduction.

For strictly county expenditures Sherman county decreased its budget from \$157,394.50 in 1930 to \$99,196.20 for 1932. This is a direct cut of \$58,198.30 and as a percentage cut is nearly 37 percent, considerably over one third. And it should be remembered that the 1932 budget contains provisions for taking care of the insane which has been passed to the counties by the state in its anxiety to make a big showing with lower taxes.

The state has transferred over four million dollars of taxes on real property to other sources. That is fine, but it should not give the state officials license to criticize other levying bodies for not following their lead. Citizens still pay taxes to the state every time they buy a gallon of gasoline or hire a plumber or travel the highways. When a county reduces taxes on real property it must necessarily spend less money; when the state reduces taxes on real property it is under no such necessity for it gets its income from dozens of different places.

Let credit be given where credit is due. It will be time for the state to boast when they have arranged to spend 37 percent less than they are now spending.

IS AN EGG AN EGG?

The visit of the state food inspector nearly always causes a certain amount of dismay to a country merchant just as a state dairy inspector creates excitement at a dairy ranch.

These men are hired to enforce laws that were passed by the legislature at the request of farmers and farm organizations who were desirous of raising the standard of goods sold by producers. The much debated egg law makes it as illegal to sell small eggs for extras as to sell extras as small eggs. It is designed to protect the egg producer who makes an effort to raise and sell first grade eggs.

In order to develop a market for good eggs in the east Oregon needs such a law to keep up the standard of its poultry product. Any farmer having eggs to sell can make good wages learning how to grade his eggs for there is always four or five cents difference in price between fresh extras and standard eggs. There is proportionately a greater spread between first grade eggs and second than there is between number one wheat and number two and as great an effort should be made to procure the top prices.

THESE DANGEROUS TIMES

The clash between two automobiles last Sunday night brings to mind the dangers that the ordinary person takes in daily life. It is nothing for one accustomed to driving to sail along over the highways at forty or fifty miles per hour and meet others going at the same speed. In this accident neither car was traveling at a speed of over twenty five miles per hour. Yet look at the damage done to the cars and reflect on the bruised and cut bodies of the accident victims.

It is impossible to picture what the fatalities would have been had the cars been traveling at what is now considered a normal speed. This contemplation leads to the conclusion that we moderns take greater chances with life and limb than did the people of any other generation and do it casually and comfortably.

CHRISTMAS

It may seem presumptuous after nearly 2000 years of Christian thought for any one man to try to express a new thought on Christmas and what it means to civilized man. But, again, the spiritual needs of modern men, especially in times like this, are so great and varied that there is always something new, some thing different.

It has been years since there was as great a need for Christian charity as there is this year. Seldom in recent years has there been a time when Christian hope has been so valuable. People have responded nobly to calls for charity; community chests are filled more quickly than before, actual needs of sufferers from economic depression have been speedily met; and those who give have been drawn out of contemplation of self and personal worries to the extent of their charity.

The philosophy of Biblical times is still potent for human nature remains generally the same. It is more blessed to give than to receive; love thy neighbor as thyself; are thoughts that still bring happiness to the human heart and are as true as when they were first spoken in the early days of the Christian era.

DEPARTURE CARD

On the eve of our departure from Grass Valley after representing the Union Pacific eleven years, our hearts are grateful to the people of this community and we shall carry with us many pleasant memories of kindnesses shown us. The best we can wish for all of you at this time is that all of you might find Jesus Christ as your personal savior and allow him to become Lord of your life.

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Taylor

Grass Valley

Express rates from Grass Valley to Portland have been cut to \$.90 instead of the former rate of \$1.16.

A. L. Russell has moved his family to the Peters and Ragdale land formerly farmed by Harry Kee instead of the Jones place.

Tom Gavin, for many years mayor of Shaniko, was here this week to see Dr. Foley about his health.

Miss Barbara Walpole is home from Corvallis for the Christmas holidays. She is a freshman at O. S. C.

Joe Almond, one time oil merchant of this district, has been transferred from Hermiston to Willamina.

T. M. Rolfe, who was kicked in the face by a horse last week is getting back his original beauty again.

E. M. Alley shipped a truck load of hogs to the market last week, but found conditions not too good for the hog market.

Leroy Stradley is up and about again after a sickness that threatened to be pneumonia.

The Baptist Ladies Aid will meet at the J. S. Engstrom home the first Thursday in the year.

The Woman's Club held a very enjoyable meeting Monday night at the home of R. H. Johnson where a Christmas program was given in honor of the approaching holiday.

The school children presented a program Wednesday evening at the auditorium with a tree and all the other things that go with Christmas.

Bob Foley is home from Eugene where he is taking his first year in the University.

J. S. Taylor and wife have left Grass Valley for Condon, Oregon where he will be employed as agent. His place has been taken, temporarily at least, by F. C. Tolleson, but the permanent appointment has not been made.

Sylvia Coyle was taken to the hospital in The Dalles Saturday night suffering from appendicitis. She was operated on immediately and is rapidly recovering.

Mrs. Arch Zehner returned from Morrow county Sunday. She has been visiting with the Peely family.

L. K. Smith and wife and King Fritts drove to The Dalles Sunday night to meet Phyllis Smith who is home from the University of Oregon for the holidays.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. J. Shelton Fritts, Monday night another bouncing baby boy.

Mrs. Marguerite Hutchcroft arrived here Sunday evening to spend the holidays with her family. She reports Hubert to be out of the hospital, and well on the road to recovery.

George Witter left Tuesday morning for Portland where he will celebrate Christmas.

J. W. Shepard and wife were in Portland over the week end absorbing some of the Christmas atmosphere of the big city.

Several of the local cars have been off the road during the last week owing to the slippery surface of the highway or the fog that made driving dangerous.

Kent News

Mrs. J. U. Leonard of Hood River, visited at the J. C. Wilson home for a few days this last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dellinger and Mrs. Max Plumke were visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

The Kent Grange held joint installation with the other Granges of the county at Grass Valley last Saturday evening, Dec. 19. After installation which was open to the public, dancing and supper were enjoyed.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Helyer and family and Kenneth Sather were visitors in Antelope, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Helyer, Della and Robert Helyer spent Saturday shopping in The Dalles.

Mr. Jim Steward of Moro visited in Kent Saturday.

Mrs. J. N. MacInnes and daughter, Marjory, visited in Grass Valley Saturday.

There were 49 at Sunday School Sunday, with a collection of \$2.45.

Mr. Warren Norton left for the valley last Sunday morning.

Mrs. Rita Harpe left Thursday to spend Christmas in Corvallis.

Kent School Notes

Alta Norton returned to school Monday after a weeks absence.

Kendrick Dunlap, K. H. S. '31, who has been attending O. S. C. arrived Saturday evening to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap.

Kendrick Dunlap visited the school Monday.

The Kent basket ball girls went to Madras Friday evening.

The pupils of the various rooms enjoyed Christmas parties, Thursday afternoon.

The Wabanssee Camp Fire Girls have been very busy working on their Christmas Cheer project. Monday December 21, the girls met at the home of Helen Wilson for a Ceremonial meeting. As names previously had been drawn for the giving of Christmas gifts, the exchange took place at this party. Miss Darby, who is guardian of the Camp Fire girls, has received some plays which she is looking over and expects to select one of these for production in the near future.

A decoration committee consisting of Luther Davis, Edna McKay, Maxine Pluemke, and Charlie Bill Wilson decorated the intermediate room.

Harley McKay and Millard Howel were absent from school last Thursday on account of bad weather.

The Kent boys basket ball team played a close game with Wapinitia last Saturday evening but because of a dispute over the score it was impossible to determine the winning team.

According to the Wapinitia score keeper, Wapinitia won the game by a score of 18-17, but the Kent score keeper recorded only 16 points, for Wapinitia, so that Kent won by a score of 17-16.

In spite of the fact that the score was disputed, the game was the fastest and best game yet played on the home floor and both

teams are to be complimented for their fine playing.

The Kent boys basket ball team was defeated by the Madras boys on the Madras floor last Friday night by a score of 18-37.

Grass Valley School Notes

MARIETTA PERRY, EDITOR

The Student Body is sending Sylvia Coyle, who was taken to the hospital Saturday, some flowers.

The grade school children will put on a little Christmas program, Wednesday night, December 23rd, at the pavillion.

The healthy living class is testing foods in their laboratory work.

The Civics class is studying "Political Parties" and is making a graph on the "Development of Political Parties."

The basketball boys reported a very good time on their trip to Redmond and the Sisters over the week end.

Redmond was played Friday night with the Tigers failing by one point to match the total run up by the Central Oregon boys. A sluggish first half cost the Grass Valley boys the game as rallied in the second half to draw up on almost even terms. The final score was 18-19 in favor of Redmond.

Saturday night the Tigers defeated the Sisters 18-15 in a return game. Again a slow start handicapped the Tigers and they were forced to come from behind in the second half.

Baker, Barnet, Ruggles, Vintin, Alley, Roth, Mr. Tetz and Mr. Hughes made the trip.

The high school basketball girls swamped the grade school girls last Friday afternoon. The grade school boys defeated the high school "Super-Varsity Team."



WHITTLE FOR A PRIZE

\$1000.00 in cash prizes and one thousand other prizes are offered for examples of skill with a jackknife. Entries may be any kind of model, figure or special carving, requiring skill and ingenuity, made entirely of wood, and with no other tools than a jackknife.

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Second Prize.....\$100
Third Prize.....\$75
Fourth Prize.....\$50
Fifth Prize.....\$25

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All rules and details of this contest are in the issue of Popular Mechanics Magazine sent on sale. Buy a copy at any newsstand or consult one at your library. You do not have to be a regular reader.

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