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TAX REDUCTION

The tax reduction meeting at Mikkaio Grange hall last Saturday showed that farmers are of several minds about the procedure of reducing the figures on their tax notices. There was one body of farmers present who contended that the way to reduce taxes was to insist that governments, district, city, county, state and national spend less money. This might have grown out of the slogan of the Sherman County Tax Reduction League which is "To Lower Taxes, Spend Less Money."

There was another group present that spoke about the injustices of the tax system in general and urged that measures be taken to equalize the taxes so that the land would not have to pay for government upkeep whether the products thereof were valuable or not.

It seems entirely possible that actual tax reduction, by which we mean any considerable lowering of government expenditures, will not be very successful until a larger group of citizens are interested. One of the best ways of interesting the entire population in tax reduction would be to change the taxes so that every one had some direct tax to pay for governmental purposes.

If this was done taxes would be less burdensome on land owners and there would be an almost certain check on excessive government costs for all of the people would be interested in keeping those costs low. As it is now arranged there is a comparatively small class of the entire citizenry that pays taxes and is interested in them.

Since the beginning of this century our country has steadily become more socialistic in the sense that socialism is a system of government under which every thing is governed by the state. New governmental functions have been voted largely by those who pay no taxes. This tendency has increased until in this depression it is almost impossible for the taxpayer to carry the load. If taxes are reduced it must be through a return to simpler and more individualistic forms of getting things done that are now performed through governmental agencies.

AWAY WITH INTEREST

A news note in the papers has set thoughtful heads to wondering and tongues to talking about a proposal that might help to relieve the tax situation in this county this fall and make it possible for school districts to continue school with considerably less worry on the part of the directors and less financial strain on the part of the teachers.

The proposal is that the county court declare a certain stipulated period of say thirty days a tax collection period when taxes could be paid without the interest charge being added.

There are those who say there is no money with which to pay taxes if they were reduced to a greater extent than that, but there are undoubtedly some who can pay taxes and would if the inducement was great enough.

Those who hold mortgages on the land and wish to keep the title clear, those who have farms clear of incumbrance and a place to borrow money, those who have savings not yet spent would be more inclined to pay their taxes if such a concession was made. The county would lose nothing for they would collect all the tax that was originally assessed. Interest and penalty are additional taxes. This county is borrowing no money to conduct regular activities so they have paid no interest except on bonded indebtedness. It can come out even if it collects no interest or penalty.

It must take an extraordinary amount of self pity for the professional man to protest about the income tax. The owner of real property has paid the expenses of state, county, school district and city as long as he can and the salaried man has had all the protection and privileged. Let all the dancers help pay the fiddler.

The Socialists are advancing to be a regular party when their presidential candidate makes a great swing around the country.

The candidate for the "Jobless party" has quit. We thought all the candidates of the outs were jobless also.

That replica of a steer used to advertise the Pacific International looks more like a scrub than a champion.

If the government will do as well by us as the weather man has started to do we will promise to be cheerful for a few days.

Political Announcements

In announcing my candidacy for sheriff of Sherman county I wish to pledge myself that if elected to this office I will perform the duties of the office for the \$1800 salary alone without additional expenses, traveling or otherwise, making a saving to taxpayers of the county of \$850 per year.

Lot W. Rust.
 Independent Economy Candidate.

Grass Valley

Florin Coon left Tuesday morning on a business trip to Portland. We noticed that Fred Peters went along to keep him company.

Art Bibby, who used to live at Grass Valley and ran a pool hall was in town last week. Art, some time ago moved to Heppner and went into business there, but he sold out and now is casting about for something else to do.

In an effort to make the small lines pay and still give the best possible service railroad companies have done lots of changing and experimenting. With the changes oftentimes comes a shifting of personnel. Jess Beardley who has been on this run for some time but forsook these parts for the Arlington-Condon branch is back in town and making his tri-weekly trips to Biggs.

School affairs was the object of the visit of Wily Knighten, county school superintendent, last week.

George Wilcox spent last Thursday in The Dalles attending business matters. Pauline Wilcox and Mrs. Burton went along to keep company.

T. M. Rolfe is moving to the Schenck place this week. The Arthur Smiths have moved to the place near Erskine where Ova Hansen lived.

Sheriff Chrisman was in town last week. He found everything to his liking evidently, as a check up in the evening revealed all present and accounted for. He was noncommittal on probable election results.

Frank Olds, a native of Grass Valley, and now a Milton garage man was in town last week visiting with friends and relatives.

It looked for a few minutes Monday like we would have some excitement in town but prompt action on the part of the Grass Valley fire department forestalled any possibility of it. A presumably dead trash fire in the Wilcox yard suddenly came to life and proceeded to creep unmolesied through some chips and sawdust to the woodshed and promptly began to lick it up. Some pupil looking out of the school house window happened to see the wood shed burst into flames and became the local hero by turning in the alarm. What happened then has already been recited. No damage was done and Mr. Wilcox has a novel burnt wood effect on the front of his fuel shed. No casualties were reported although the writer did see the owner of the stricken area applying unguentine to a friend digit.

Judge Krusow spent several days of last week in Portland.

Farmers in this end of the county are tired of waiting for old J Pluvius to appear and start the weeds so they are putting wheat in the dust. Seeding is under way at the Tom Alley plantation, wheels began rolling this a. m.

Grass Valley will have their city caucus Monday night, October 17th when nominations will be in order for a mayor, three councilmen and a treasurer. The meeting will be held at the Auditorium.

Klaus and Bill Bardenhagen were in The Dalles Monday on a business and pleasure trip.

It is reported that the farm formerly owned by T. M. Rolfe and now in the possession of F. L. Stradley will be farmed next year by John Bueher. Mr. Rolfe retains the Hartfield section.

Charles Chamberlain is leaving for Portland after several years spent in tilling Sherman county soil. He expects to operate a service station after he is settled in the big town.

A serious accident befell Billy Eaton, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Karl Eaton last Saturday afternoon. A barn door fell on him and beside bruising him severely the heavy door broke his leg between the knee and hip. He was taken to a hospital in The Dalles where he is recovering but it will be necessary for him to hold a weight with his leg for a week or more and to be in a cast for several weeks in addition. Mrs. Eaton is with him and Karl goes down when ever possible.

B. F. Hamlin, roadmaster, E. Larkin, supervisor of Bridges and Buildings and the company watch inspector were a party of railroad executives who were through Grass Valley Tuesday afternoon aboard the motor car in which they sometimes travel.

John Hays and wife and their children and friends are looking forward to November 1st when John and his wife will celebrate their fiftieth wedding anniversary. They were married in Fresno, California.

J. P. Yates Addresses Kent Grange

J. P. Yates, representative in the state legislature and a candidate for state senator from this district, spoke to the members of the Kent Grange Wednesday night at their regular meeting. He discussed several of the laws passed by the last two legislatures of which he has been a member and briefly advanced some of his ideas regarding new legislation that would be of assistance to the farmers of this district.

Coast Markets Weaker This Week

Pacific Coast markets weakened with the decline at other points but were relatively stronger than Eastern and Central Western markets. Marketings remained below normal and receipts at Puget Sound and Columbia River terminals during the week totaled only 677 cars compared with 918 for the corresponding week last year. In addition to the car receipts 7,000 bushels were received at Portland by boat and 3,000 by truck. Demand was dull and almost entirely from domestic mills since local wheat prices were still above an export basis and the foreign outlet for flour was also limited.

Nowadays

Barber: "Wet or dry, sir?"
 Customer: "I never divulge my political leanings—just comb my hair."

What He Meant

A judge says, "Picnic parties are the biggest enemies of rural beauty." Litter-ally speaking, of course.

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Here's the Way to Make Something Good

If you are puzzling over something new for dessert try Gingerbread Gems with apples. They are made as follows:

Gingerbread Gems with Apples
 Mix and sift together 2 tablespoons brown sugar, one-half teaspoon soda, 1 cup pastry flour, 1 cup whole wheat flour, one-half teaspoon ginger, one teaspoon cinnamon, one-fourth teaspoon mace and one-half teaspoon Add three-fourths cup molasses, one-fourth cup melted butter and one-fourth cup raisins or currents. Then add one egg well beaten and two tablespoons milk. Pare, core and cut 2 apples in eighths. Grease muffin pans and place some of the apple sections in each. Pour the batter mixture over the apples and bake in a moderate oven 375 degrees F. for about 25 minutes.

For a real old fashioned cookie this recipe is unequalled. It is sure to please when packed into the school lunch box.

Old Fashioned Molasses Cookies.
 One cup of butter
 One cup of brown sugar
 One cup of molasses
 One cup of sour milk
 Two teaspoons of soda
 One teaspoon of salt
 One teaspoon each ginger, cinnamon and vinegar; about 5 cups pastry flour.

Cream the butter and blend with brown sugar; add the molasses and sour milk. Sift together 3 cups of flour with soda, salt and spices. Add to the first mixture together with vinegar. Add the rest of flour, taking care to keep the dough soft. Chill 3 or 4 hours or over night. Roll medium thin and cut into desired shapes, or shape dough before chilling.

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ing and slice. Bake on greased baking sheets in moderate oven of 360 degrees F. for 15 minutes.

Anyone Want To Make Some Soap

Homemade soap which utilizes mutton fat is being made extensively throughout southern Oregon. A county wide series of demonstrations on soap making are under way in Josephine and Jackson counties under the direction of the two home demonstration agents there. These Oregon housewives express real satisfaction over the knowledge of their homemade soap, if correctly made, is the best soap obtainable. It is pure, neutral and free from adulterants.

The favorite soap recipe in use by these women is one calling for the following ingredients:

Homemade White Soap
 One can lye
 One quart warm water
 Two tablespoons borax
 One half cup warm water
 Two quarts grease



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This soap is very hard, is snow white and has unequal lasting qualities. It does not shrink from aging. The ammonia water makes even the old discolored grease white and tends to brighten colors. The borax softens the water a bit.

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