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TAXES

The income tax measure carried in Sherman county by a vote of 486 to 384. It was beaten in the state by a decisive majority. Now comes a report from Salem that it may be necessary to put the state tax on real property back in the state budget next year. It will either be the property tax or some new sort of taxation, perhaps the much hated sales tax.

Last year it was estimated that the state tax would be \$40,000 for this county, but there was none levied except the millage for elementary schools amounting to a little under \$18,000. The elementary school tax will be about the same this year and if a state property tax is necessary it will probably be about \$22,000 additional to make \$40,000 as it would have been last year.

This amounts to a little over two mills tax on every dollar's worth of property in this county after it is equalized by the state tax commission. Thus the defeat of the income tax bill will cost us more than the elementary school levy, and twice as much as our general road levy will be this year.

This is assuming, of course, that the state will have to put the property levy back in the budget. If they decide to pass the state budget without sufficient income and leave it to the legislature to raise enough revenue to run the state there may be any sort of a tax bill passed. There is agitation for a sales tax and there is also enough argument against it to make it doubtful of passage. There is certain to be some sort of tax applied to take the place of the state property levy if it is not used.

Had we had to pay \$40,000 to the state this year this county would have been on a warrant basis for six months, county officers would have been without funds, county roads would be unworked, county relief work would be seriously curtailed and county schools would have been without even the small sums they have had for operation expenses.

Yet with the possibility of an increased property tax facing them it is true that 44 persons out of every hundred voted to defeat the raise in the income tax. Can you beat it?

PEACE

Members of the Moro Woman's Club and their husbands listened to an address last Saturday night that contained a great deal of information about the problems of obtaining world wide peace among the nations of the world. Miss Lobdell, the speaker, believes that peace can be brought to the world when public sentiment is sufficiently aroused against war.

There is undoubtedly much truth in her remarks and a will to bring about peace is one of the necessary movements toward the realization of it, but it is also true that lasting peace cannot be obtained until the economic conditions of the world are changed.

An emotional appeal toward a universal sentiment for peace is perhaps a typically feminine way of working toward the goal. As long as we have national pride that can be so easily hurt; as long as we have one people starving and envious of others comparatively rich; as long as individuals and nations are unequal, war is a possibility. When our world economic conditions become equalized so that all may have advantage of the inventions and discoveries and when racial hatreds are overcome so that there is no dislike of people from other lands we will be on the path toward peace.

The emotional urge to peace will follow the economic equalization of peoples instead of leading.

The motor car license fee is the cheapest tax paid by the people if the returns from it are considered. A few years ago one was lucky to drive a hundred miles a day over the old dirt roads and at great cost in tires, gasoline and physical comfort. Now we drive many times that distance, our tires last longer, our cars last longer, a gallon of gasoline takes us twice as far and we can be comfortable all the time largely due to the good roads. We could never have developed our good cars without good roads.

If the legislature had the nerve to close the Rogue river at the last session after the people had voted to keep it open they should have the nerve to vote the increase on the income tax this time.

The bonus army started something. Now the farmers in some parts of the country are planning a march to Washington and the soldiers are going back. Let's all go.

Sings the farmer to the clouds, "I'm Glad That I Have Made You Cry."

This year the cry will be, "Out of the Moratoriums by Christ-mas."

We found a Republican this week, and did he look lonesome?

Grass Valley

Grass Valley's Womens Club will meet next Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 p. m. with Mrs. Peley. High school young people have arranged a good program. The Glee Club will sing.

Boyd Homewood and Earl Olds drove to Portland via truck early Monday morning returning Tuesday.

E. R. Bernards, a sheep buyer from Orenco, was here the first of the week and purchased the Conroy lambs for shipment to his home. The sheds of the Oregon Nursery Co. will be used to house the sheep this winter.

R. J. Baker and Fred Kruow were attendants and participants in the county budget meeting held Monday at Moro.

Miss Hazel Thomas was a week end visitor in Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shepard, were in Portland last week and according to the papers were registered at the Heathman.

Max Brown is going about very carefully and with real regard for one of his feet. He stepped on a nail.

Roy Justesen and wife and Art Justesen were here Monday evening. Roy has been driving truck for a trucking concern near San Francisco and has just returned from that city.

Henry Patjens brought his sheep home from the mountains back of Redmond. He trailed them to the home range this fall instead of shipping them as usual.

Frank von Borstel is putting the finishing touches on a large machine shed at his ranch. As a floor he is using the top of his cistern.

Frank Haynes and family were Grass Valley visitors Sunday.

Grover Young is feeling better these days as the new barn being erected on the place he is farming is near completion. The old one burned down last spring and a new one might be useful.

Mr. and Mrs. Arne Annula are the parents of a boy born in Hood River on November 8th. Name, not known, but perhaps F. D.

Theodore von Borstel is remodeling the barn on his place, making it larger, wider and better.

SIXTY DISASTERS IN 1932 ADD TO NATION'S DISTRESS

Red Cross Spends \$2,760,000 To Help Victims of Catastrophes.

In a year of great misfortune caused by economic depression, in which the American Red Cross assumed heavy burdens of relief for the unemployed, the organization also responded to emergency needs in 60 disasters in the United States and its insular possessions.

During the twelve months ending June 30, 1932, the Red Cross gave aid to 75,000 families totalling 338,000 individuals, with expenditures of \$2,760,786. These people were in distress because of drought, flood, forest fire, tornado, snowstorm, mine explosion, or other similar great disaster.

Prolonged drought caused the Red Cross to go with help to 58,000 families in the northwest. Here in 144 counties in North and South Dakota, Montana, Nebraska, Washington and Iowa the Red Cross spent \$1,930,000 from its own treasury to feed and protect people through the winter and spring.

Other grave disasters were floods in southeastern states, where the organization spent \$192,000 from its treasury and \$66,000 local contributions to help 13,000 persons.

More than 50,000 people were homeless from floods in tributaries of the Mississippi river and again the Red Cross faced a long relief task, aiding these people. The national organization gave \$108,000 and local contributions were \$10,000.

The Red Cross always maintains a state of readiness to meet these sudden emergencies, and funds and other essentials to this work are supplied, in part, by the annual roll call, held each year from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day. Every citizen can support this worthy activity through joining as a member in the local Red Cross chapter.

Nobody to Hear

Mrs. Uggins: "This 'ere fellow thinks 'e can sing like a Caruso."

Mrs. Iggans: "Well they do say as 'ow Caruso 'ad a beautiful voice, but 'ow could they know with 'im straddled on that island with nobody but Friday to 'ear 'im?"

At the Helm—In Time of Need!



Walt Williams Here In New Role

Walt Williams, known throughout the county as a Ford dealer and salesman, was here again Thursday in his new capacity as advance man for the Oregon Loggers, a group of real loggers who took to their musical instruments as well as to their saws and axes.

Walt has just returned from Montana where the loggers are playing now in theatres in the larger cities. He drives the advance car in which is located a loud speaker and phonograph with records to extol the abilities of the group he represents. Playing, singing the songs of the big woods and feats of logger life make up the performance.

Auxiliary Entertains With Card Party

The Auxiliary of George Bell Post No. 49 at Kent met last Wednesday, November 9, and spent some time and energy in cleaning up after the election night party which was a success both socially and financially. There were nine tables of cards. Mrs. Wayne McCullough received first prize for the ladies and Frank von Borstel first for the men. Mrs. Paul Wilson and Millard Howell received the consolation prizes. The chocolate angel food cake was won by Garth Crowe, nephew of Mrs. L. V. Walton. There were 62 people counted at supper time as the radio election returns were an added attraction. Further plans were made for the dance which the Auxiliary will sponsor after a one act play "Pa's New Housekeeper" a comedy to be given by the high school

Wednesday night November 23. The tickets to the play will be 25 cents each and entitle the holder to admittance to the dance. The dance supper will be served cafeteria style as was the lunch on election day. The music will be furnished by the community orchestra which is directed by Mrs. Ayres, Chairman of Unit Activity and Community Service. A delicious cake was served by Vi Haynes and the meeting adjourned.

Kent News

Johnie Woods of Hood River was a visitor in Kent Friday.

Miss Lillian Schassen who is attending school in The Dalles spent the holidays with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Clark.

Miss Della Helyer, Miss Berna Orr, and Robert Helyer spent the week end at McMinnville.

Mr. and Mrs. Estol Hartley and son James of Grass Valley were business visitors in Kent Friday afternoon.

Miss Murlina Medler spent the holidays visiting with relatives in Portland.

Darrel Altermatt and Jimmie Rees of Shaniko were visitors here Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap and daughters, Margaret and Anita spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Howell of Farga Lake, Wash., and Will Howell of Silverlake, Wash., arrived here Wednesday where they will spend some time visiting with relatives.

Dick Reckmann, Jr. made a business trip to Maupin Sunday.

SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT ROLL

For Sherman County, Oregon, for the year 1932, as finally equalized by the County Board of Equalization.

Classification of Property	Number	Value	Unit Value
Acres of all lands	456,022	\$6,721,540	\$14.74
Acres of tillable lands	271,592	6,418,810	23.64
Acres of non-tillable lands	184,430	302,730	1.64
Improvements on deeded lands		477,280	
Town and city lots		86,260	
Improvements on town and city lots		335,990	
Manufacturing machinery		11,680	
Merchandise		64,300	
Farming implements, wagons, etc.		197,740	
Hotel and office furniture, store fixtures, etc		22,400	
Horses and mules	3,509	82,090	23.39
Cattle	8,986	80,330	20.15
Sheep and goats	14,775	33,280	2.25
Hogs	2,769	10,720	3.87
Foxes	8	80	10.00
Net value of taxable property		8,123,640	
Soldier's exemptions deducted from above		5,160	
Gross valuation		8,128,800	

Note: This does not include bank stock nor intangibles which are subject to the State Tax Commission; nor does it include railroads and other public service corporations which are assessed by the State Tax Commission. Valuation of Public Service Corporations in 1931, \$3,251,756.87.

Dated, November 10, 1932

MARGARET W. PEETZ, County Assessor
 Moro, Oregon

Miss Viola Schilling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schilling who has been working at Monmouth for some time returned home last Wednesday evening where she will make an indefinite visit.

The party which was given last Saturday evening, November 12, by Miss Margaret Dunlap was enjoyed by all who attended. Dancing and games supplied the entertainment for the evening.

Mrs. Dick Reckmann spent Sunday at the Carl Schadewitz home.

Mr. and Mrs. Ferd Casper and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Austin of Battleground are visiting with relatives here.

Kent volleyball team met defeat at the hands of the Grass Valley girls last Wednesday night on the latters floor. The score was 22-34. Wasco will play here this Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Helyer and family and Alta Norton spent the holidays at Hood River visiting with relatives and friends.

The Kent Orchestra met last Wednesday evening at the school house. Every Wednesday evening is practice night.

Mrs. Ida Dayis and daughter Pauline spent Sunday at the home of Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

Kent was visited by quite a rain storm the last of the week, which makes all of the farmers feel considerably better.

Mrs. J. R. Dellinger and son Arnold were visitors in The Dalles last Saturday.

There was no school Friday as it was Armistice Day.

Miss Lurline Smith who spent the past month visiting here with friends and relatives here left Sunday morning for her home at Mitchell. She was accompanied by J. C. Wilson and W. O. Smith who spent Sunday and Monday visiting with relatives.

Quite a number of Kent people spent Sunday at the W. C. Helyer ranch playing polo.

Kent Grange, No. 688 held its regular meeting last Saturday evening, November 12, with thirty seven members present and two visitors. Mrs. Elmer Howell of Farga Lake and Durward Helyer of Wapinitia. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Master, C. B. Andrews; Overseer, Jay McKay; Lecturer, J. L. Davis; Chaplain, Mrs. W. G. Helyer; Steward, J. L. Matthes; Gate Keeper, Jesse Helyer; Assistant Steward, L. E. Clark; Lady assistant Steward, Mrs. L. E. Clark; Secretary, Mrs. H. E. Morrow; Treasurer, H. E. Morrow; Ceres, Clarice Wilson; Pomona, Rua Helyer; Flora, Maudie McKay. The next meeting will be held Saturday evening, November 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Quinton Krummell, Miss Jeannette Willis and Ernest Webber of Gresham were week end guests at the W. C. Helyer home.

The local school teachers took advantage of the Armistice Day holiday and spent the week end in various places. Mr. and Mrs. Ayres and son Loren went to Wamic, Miss Murlina Medler to Portland, Mrs. Essie Wilson and son Charlie Bill to Antelope, Miss Berna Orr to McMinnville.

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and Miss Della Helyer to Tillamook. The Home Economics Club held their regular meeting at the Grange hall Tuesday afternoon.

Much enthusiasm has been aroused by the organization of a school orchestra under the leadership of Mrs. Ayres.

The local polo fans spent another exciting Sunday afternoon at the Helyer polo field south of Kent. As long as the weather permits this will still continue to be the favorite sport.

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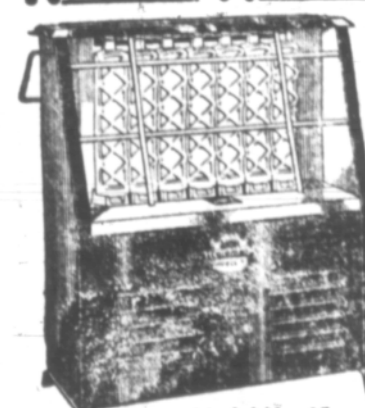
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