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TAXES

The slogan of the local tax league, "To lower Taxes, Spend Less Money" is an excellent one and we have favored the point of view it expresses. We say, have favored advisedly, for we believe that the time has arrived when it is no longer possible to obtain tax relief by the further pruning of local budgets. They are already as low as they can be made without curtailing governmental functions we have already considered necessary.

Since the beginning of the hard times three or four years ago the tax bill of this county has been reduced approximately one-half. We have made that much of an effort to adjust government to our ability to pay. Even with this drastic reduction in governmental costs we are unable to pay our taxes. There is about \$200,000 in delinquent taxes in this county and other adjoining counties are suffering in about the same degree. It is true as the slogan says, that less spending makes it possible to raise less taxes, but it has not settled the problem. Our taxes are still so high they cannot be paid.

Since this county and many of the other agriculture counties of the nation have put their house in order by reducing their local expenses to a minimum, and since this movement has failed to relieve the tax situation it is apparent that some other means must be taken to change the taxing system of the country.

Farm taxes have risen from 9 per cent of the gross farm income in 1913 to 19 percent in 1931. In this county they represent a larger percent than that. According to the Bureau of Internal Revenue the farmers of the country pay 65 3 of their profits—if any—for taxes, local and state; the retailer pays 16 per cent; the manufacturer pays 13.9 percent. The condition shown by these figures cannot be helped by a reduction in local budgets. The system is wrong and must be changed before the farmers will have an equal chance with other industries.

There is agitation now in this state for the return of the property tax to pull the state out of the hole. It is apparent that it should never have been left out of the state budget last year, but since it is out every farmer in the state should rise and loudly and vigorously protest against any movement to put it back. They should remember that they already pay too great a share of the total tax bill.

It has not been proven that a sales tax is the necessary result of the continued absence of the property tax rolls. It is still possible for this state legislature to pass an income tax that will raise a fair share of the state's needs. Such a tax will not attempt to draw additional money from farmers who are unable to pay what is already assessed against them, nor will it tax the poor man's total purchases of necessities as a sales tax will. No one is asked to pay an income tax who cannot or should not. There is no denying the fact that if the legislators from the agricultural regions of the state do the best for their constituents they will introduce and pass an income tax measure instead of allowing the property tax to be re-established or the sales tax to be passed.

Let it be distinctly understood by the powers that be that any additional property tax will not raise more money until farm prices are elevated to at least a reasonable level. There will be less money paid in to the counties in 1933 than in 1932 regardless of the size of the tax bill.

The tilled farm lands in this county are worth about \$6,500,000. We produce between two and three million bushels of wheat in an average year. There is no money made in raising it. A mill grinds it. Its valuation is much less than that of the farm, yet because of the economic conditions in the country they are able to make a profit. The baker makes a profit and the merchant also makes a profit on their handling of the product. All of the valuations are merely a fraction of the valuations of the farms and the tax is a fraction of the farm tax, yet these milling and distribution agencies get the profit of the product.

We, of America, pride ourselves on our leadership in the economic world and still we plead along with a tax system that has been in the discard in European countries for a generation. We will have to get rid of the burdensome features of the property tax before agriculture can become prosperous and agriculture must become prosperous before the remainder of the country can do so. Let this state make the step now.

He has not received his salary for six months, his bills are in arrears and he had ought to be unable to see anything from a pleasant angle, yet he stood looking out the window into the bright fall sunshine and remarked that he was glad he was alive anyway. Hooray, for silver linings and the ability to see them.

Raymond Robins was not the only dry Republican with a shocked mind. He merely represents the class and is the most pronounced example.

Grass Valley

Charlie Olds has left these parts for Willows, Cal., where he will take care of a flock of sheep through the winter.

Miss Marguerette Morrison arrived Wednesday evening from Kelso to spend the holidays with her sister and family.

Mrs. Dell Olds was in McMinnville to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Walkenshaw last week. Mr. Walkenshaw is not very well this fall.

Mrs. J. B. Burton and Mrs. Erma Olds were in Portland this week.

E. E. Gervais and Dell Olds were out on the breaks Sunday looking over likely places for a line of traps for the winter.

Mrs. Leona Rooney arrived home the first of the week from Portland.

Florin Coon wanted to have a little coon around the house; it was kinda lonesome. After two or three days or nights of effort he succeeded in capturing a little coon and he spent a day or so fixing up a home for the youngster but the little one did not choose to stay and Florin is again lonesome for a little coon.

I. D. Pike and C. W. Fields were in The Dalles the first of the week on business.

Mrs. Frank Wilcox is spending Thanksgiving holidays with her sister Mrs. Herman Peters. The Wilcoxs now live at Newberg where Frank is busy doctoring the ill and injured.

John Buether and wife left the first of the week for Chehalis, Wash., where they will visit with Mrs. Buether's relatives over the holiday.

Bert Cox and family are visiting in Portland for the Thanksgiving season leaving here the first of the week.

John Conroy was in The Dalles Monday on a little business.

Frank Lemley is in St. Vincent's hospital in Portland for further treatment for the malady that has kept him incapacitated for so long.

Miss Cassie Holmes is in Moro this week caring for R. J. Ginn who is ill with a case of pneumonia.

Karl Eaton and Arch Russell were in Portland last week on a little business trip.

E. E. Gervais was here last Sunday visiting his son and family.

And Try This One, Mr. President "I know how to settle this unemployment problem," said the club

wag. "If we put all the men of the world on one island, and all the women on another, we'd have every body busy in no time."
 "Well, what would they be doing?"
 "Why, boat building."

The following bit of verse was read at a grange meeting over in Washington.

The Steering Wheel
 We hear much of depression
 Of want through out the land
 Of community chests and soup lines
 And distress on every hand.

Some blame is on the tariff
 But somehow or other I feel
 That half of this old world's troubles
 Were caused by the steering wheel.

His breakfast over, Pa goes out
 To look about the place
 To see what really should be done
 Work stares him in the face.

He leaps into his trusty car
 The dust begins to fly
 He thinks he's awfully busy
 As he feels the breeze go by

The barnyard gate should be repaired
 The stable should be cleaned
 There's a muzzie to be put on the calf
 It really should be weaned.

The garden should be weeded
 The weeds stand in every row
 Pa's hand is on the steering wheel
 Instead of on the hoe.

The woodshed needs new shingles
 The chicken house new glass
 Pa disposes of these quite airily
 By pressing on the gas.

And Ma's not blameless either
 She mourns o're half cent wheat
 And then pays twenty cents per pound
 For the bread her children eat.

It's much more fun to start the car
 And into town to go
 Ma's hands are on the steering wheel
 Instead of in the dough.

The world is full of frantic men
 They're rushing to and fro
 Their hands are turning steering wheels
 But they don't know where to go.

A desperate look is on each face
 You notice as they pass
 They cannot pay their taxes
 But they still are burning gas.

And so I say it once again
 That some how or other I feel
 That half this old world's troubles
 Can be traced to a steering wheel.

GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL NOTES
 Genevieve Beardsley, Editor.

The Grass Valley volley ball team will play Rufus on the home floor Wednesday, November 23. The volley ball game will be followed by a basket ball game between the Grass Valley school team and the town

team.
 The volley ball team played Kent Wednesday, November 9. The score was 38 to 22.

The boys of the high school and the 7th and 8th grades provided an evening of entertainment for their fathers last Friday night at the school building. It consisted of several volley ball games and basket ball games as well as other games and contests. A lunch was served after the games.

There will be no school Thursday and Friday as it is Thanksgiving.

The second six weeks exams will be given next week.

The different grades have received their school pictures which were taken some time ago. They proved very satisfactory.

Don Cox has registered for classes in the Grass Valley high school.

In order that the children may reach their home before dark the noon hour has been shortened twenty five minutes. This new ruling went into effect this Monday.

Kent News

The Kent volley ball girls won a victory last Friday evening when they defeated the Wasco girls on the home floor with a score of 20-37. The Kent girls kept the lead all through the game. Miss Eorrtine Darby, who coached the Kent volley ball team for three years, is now a coach at Wasco. Miss Murdina Medler also a Wasco girl coaching the Kent team this year.

After the volley ball game the Kent high school boys basketball team and the town team played a scrimmage game which ended with a score of 11 to 20 in favor of the town team.

Dolores Gregg spent the week end at the home of Geraldine Norton.

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Dr. J. A. BUTLER
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Carl Schadewitz suffered a bruised face and broken teeth last Saturday evening when he was driving his team in from work, stepping in a badger hole, frightening the horses which jerked him throwing him against a big boulder.

Johnie Woods who has been working at Hood River for some time returned to Kent Thursday and begun working for George Barnett.

Walter Wilson spent last week visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gregg.

Miss Murdina Medler spent the week end at her home in Wasco.

Mrs. A. S. Johnson was a dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap last Friday.

Mrs. J. R. Dellinger and son Arnold, Mrs. W. C. Helyer and daughter Della and Mrs. Berna Orr spent Saturday shopping in The Dalles.

Quite a number of Kent young people enjoyed the dance which was given at the Grange hall last Saturday evening.

Miss Berna Orr spent the week end at the home of Miss Della Helyer.

Kent Grange No. 688 will hold its next regular meeting Saturday evening, November 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Grant Smith and sons of Portland spent the week end at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Plumke. Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Plumke are sisters.

J. H. Wilson suffered a broken rib one day last week when a horse knocked him against the barn wall.

E. E. Gervais of Grass Valley was a business visitor in Kent Friday.

Ms. and Mrs. Paul Stout, Miss

For your convenience I have arranged for you to leave your shoe work at Walter A. May & Son. Pick up and delivery twice a week at no cost to you.
JOSEPH A. MEE
 The Wasco Shoe Man

Phyllis Hanna, Jimmie Reed, Darrel Altermatt and Eugene Werner of Shaniko attended the volley ball game at Kent last Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Harbin and son Earl of Grass Valley and Mrs. Essie Wilson and son Charlie Bill of Kent spent Sunday at the J. C. Wilson home.

Miss Alta Norton spent Saturday evening at the home of Clarice Wilson.

Bill Patterson of Wasco visited at the home of Mrs. B. A. Hogue Friday evening.

Chas. McCutcheon and Paul Stout of Shaniko were visitors in Kent Sunday.

R. H. Coppock of Moro was a business visitor in town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Norton and son Eugene and daughter Carol Ann and Mrs. L. H. Ayres were business visitors in The Dalles last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Helyer are remodeling their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frances and son and Clarence, Kenneth and Junior Gregg of Bend spent last week end visiting at the Carl Gregg home.

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