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TAXES

The entire state is interested in finding some means of raising revenue for the next biennium. The state budget director thinks some additional funds will be necessary and the general opinion is that these funds will have to come from a renewed application of the property tax or from a sales tax.

The property tax is impossible! It would not raise much money for little will be paid for taxes. It would take all the money from the counties and the schools and would make the continuance of some schools doubtful, if not impossible. It cannot be allowed.

The sales tax meets with the approval of the group who hold that state revenues must be increased at any cost. It is not proposed as an equitable tax, a fair tax or one that would do as a permanent tax. It is only fit for an emergency measure. We doubt if it is even fit for that.

The state budget of 1931-32 called for \$48,608,176. Of this sum over \$8,000,000 was for wages and salaries. Since wages and salaries in all other lines of business have been decreased and since the counties and the schools have lowered the wages of their officers and teachers from ten to thirty-five percent it is entirely possible that the wages of state employees can be reduced by almost 20 percent and make a saving of over a million and a half for the biennium.

A study of the expense accounts of the so-called self supported institutions of the state will convince anyone that they can pay a share of their receipts to the state general fund as a tax. As a part of the expenses of these departments are for wages they would suffer some reduction if all state wages were reduced. This type of department is the one that spent over \$50,000 for new furniture in the last biennium. Surely they will have enough desks typewriters and filing cabinets some day.

The state expects to raise \$4,366,300 from income, inheritance and excise taxes and \$8,235,721 83 from taxes on real property for the biennium. When the county and school and city taxes that are laid on real property are added to the sum needed for state purposes derived from this source it is plainly seen that real property bears an unduly large share of government expense in this state even with other taxes. If property can bear the load of keeping up the counties, cities and schools some means should be devised whereby income, inheritance and intangible taxes could take care of the state's needs.

If reductions were made in the state's budget one half as large as in the budgets of Sherman county and Sherman county's school districts there would be no need of any other taxes than we now have and the deficit would soon be wiped out. Reductions of 16 per cent would make another tax needless and even if expenses are only cut 10 percent the difference should be made up from an increase in the income taxes instead of from the property tax or a sales tax that would cause the poor to pay equally with those of ample means.

WE NEED THE MONEY

The statement by President Hoover that European nations will be expected to pay their war debts to the United States has been received with satisfaction by this county where nearly everyone knows something about how hard it is to repay. They also know how hard it would be for the people of the United States to pay these debts if they could not be collected from the European nations.

Europe is unfortunate in asking for debt forgiveness at a time when the United States is in dire need of money. Had they made their request in 1928 or 9 when a few billion dollars more or less was no thing to worry about it might have felt that our international trade was worth more than the promise to pay we held. Now it is a different story for we have no international trade great enough to create within us a compassion for our debtors.

It is probable that either the United States taxpayer or the investor in European bonds will suffer by not receiving pay for money loaned Europe. International bankers made nice commissions out of the bonds and now it seems that the investor stands a good chance to lose his money along with his faith in international bankers.

It looks like the man who stays home this winter will be lone one with men of all classes traveling to Washington to bombard congress with demands for relief.

We'd like to say something about this perfect weather, but we are superstitious about bragging at this time of year. It might bring up a blizzard.

Grass Valley

Taken Up: At Grass Valley. Several weeks ago a young cow fell out of a truck and has since been held in town for want of an owner. If he will prove ownership and pay costs he will be permitted to take his property away.

Mr. and Mrs. Arne Annala returned home from Hood River Sunday afternoon bringing their new offspring with them.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. French and Boyd Homewood left Friday morning for Portland where they will spend the winter in that rainy climate.

George Wilcox, Ray Blake, Tom Garrett and Eben Kee were out in the Kent neighborhood Tuesday morning after their portion of wild geese. They returned with a nice supply of fresh meat.

Mr. and Mrs. P. Reimeir are visiting at the John Bueher home from their farm near Gresham. Mrs. Reimeir is a sister of Mrs. Bueher.

Matt Simon is taking things easy at home this week. Monday morning he had an attack of lumbago that removed all the joy from life. Frank Pike is carrying the mail.

Carl Unger, state policeman, was here Tuesday afternoon getting acquainted with the town.

Dale Baker returned to school at Forest Grove Sunday after spending the annual turkey day with his parents. Lillian Schassen went to The Dalles with the Bakers when they drove to the valley town.

Mrs. W. F. Schilling was in The Dalles for a medical examination last week.

Bert Cox and family are home again after spending the holidays with relatives in Portland and Vancouver, Wash.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon McGowan spent a part of the holidays at Independence where Mr. McGowan's parents live.

After the dance the other night some of the boys started out to emulate the pioneers in their endeavors to rid the country of the red men. It is reported that their attempts did not meet with as much success as did those of some of our earlier Indian fighters.

The annual homecoming of the Odd Fellows lodge will be held Wednesday, December 7th. There will be a pot luck supper at the lodge hall at seven o'clock to which Odd Fellows and their wives and Rebekahs and their husbands are invited.

Several influential men from Moro were here Saturday afternoon to hold a tax meeting. They gathered at the office of the grain growers where they discussed the county budget.

W. C. Guyton and wife, accompanied by Miss Hill a former Kent school teacher, were here Saturday.

GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL NOTES
Genevieve Beardsley, Editor.

The volley ball team played the Rufus team last Wednesday night on the home floor. The Rufus team was defeated by a score of 26-30.

The volley ball team will play Moro next Friday, December 2nd at Grass Valley. This game will determine the county championship.

Miss Juanita Boyce spent Thanksgiving with relatives in Portland.

Miss Sylvana Edmonds and Mr. Davies, members of the faculty, spent Thanksgiving in Portland.

Gerald Lindsay, former Hood River student, spent the Thanksgiving vacation in Hood River visiting his parents.

The four classes of high school are making posters to advertise the county championship volley ball game here this Friday evening. The class having the best poster in the eyes of the judges, Mr. Davies and Miss Edmonds, will receive an award.

Mary Brown was absent from

school last week but has again returned.

Athletic Contest Attracting Attention

Followers of the volley ball games in the county are looking forward to the championship game Friday night between the teams of Grass Valley and Moro. This game will be played at Grass Valley.

Moro has not lost any games in this sport this season and the Grass Valley girls have lost but one. That was a game on the Moro floor to the Moro girls. The score was 16 to 17. As each team plays two games with each opponent the remaining game will be in Grass Valley. If Moro is able to repeat its former win they will have a clear claim to the county title, if they lose the teams will be a tie with each having lost a game to the other. A large crowd is expected to see the contest.

HIS NAME CAME OUT



A tiny slip of paper, drawn from a hat, sent Representative H. E. Rarabour of California back into the running as Republican nominee, after he had been tied with Glenn M. De Vore in the primary. This means of settling the matter was according to a state law, and the slip was drawn from the hat by the blindfolded secretary of state of California.

Passed Upon
"When that young man asked you to marry him," said Mr. Cumrox. "why didn't you tell him to see me?" "I did," replied his daughter demurely. "He said he had already seen you and that he didn't find your appearance especially objectionable."

Fruitful Pen
Friend: "Why are you so jubilant?"
Country Editor: "I just received another fine contribution from Farmer Brown's pen."

Friend: "Huh. What was it?"
Country Editor: "A fine fat pig on subscription."

Annoyed
"I shant trade with that grocer any more," said Mrs. Youngbride, coming from the kitchen, "the pumpkin he sold me is hollow inside!"

Difference of Opinion
Little Girl: (after first morning at school) "Mother, you're wrong about B for Bunny. Miss Chadwick says it's for Bread."

Kent School Notes

Those in the Intermediate room having received reading certificates are: Nellie Wilson, 4; Anita Dunlap, and Charlie Bill Wilson, 3; Merrill Sather, Carl Lyons, Geraldine Norton, Annie Laurie Haynes, Luther Davis, 2; Jaunita Mitchell, Leona Sathers, Eugene Norton, 1. Five books have to be read and reported on before receiving certificates.

The boys who are in the Intermediate room and Paul Schillings and Melvin Barnett are practicing basket ball every Friday afternoon from 3:00 to 4:00. During that period the girls have art.

Eugene Norton has been absent from school due to a sore foot.

The fifth grade have been making geography patterns. They make different pattern for each of the New England states.

Eleanor Fay Swett was a visitor in the primary room last Wednesday.

The play "Pa's New Housekeeper" was presented last Wednesday evening at the school auditorium. After the play a dance was given by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The sixth grade are building Fort Walls in the sand table for their study in history.

The fourth graders are starting a stamp collection of foreign and U. S. stamps.

Lorena Young started to High School last Monday.

The Intermediate room has had just one person to be absent and one to be tardy so far this year.

The 4th, 5th, and 6th graders have been working hard the past week learning new poems.

Last Wednesday afternoon the Kent school gave a Thanksgiving program. The numbers on the program were: Two musical numbers by the primary rhythm band; a pantomime by the Intermediate and 7th and 8th grade pupils; reading by Jack Sather, Margaret Dunlap and Margherita von Borstel; and two songs by the high school quartet.

Kent News

Mrs. Wm. Young and daughter Lorena who spent the last two months at Hood River returned home last Monday evening.

Paul Weller of Redmond was a business visitor in Kent Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lehr and daughter of Camas, Wash., were visitors here Wednesday evening. Mrs. Lehr will be remembered as Cliva Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Hansen of Moro spent Thanksgiving day at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dellinger.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Smith and family of Mitchell spent the Thanksgiv-

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Jimmie Rees, Phyllis Hanna, Marguerite Reeder, Charlie McCutcheon and Ralph Reeder of Shaniko, attended the dance and play given here Wednesday evening.

Rv. and Mrs. Walter Eck and son, the Misses Lillian and Hilda Schassen and Mrs. John Schassen of The Dalles and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis and family spent Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Clark.

Miss Murdina Medler spent the latter part of the week at Wasco.

Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Wilson and Alice Mae of Moscow, Idaho, spent the Thanksgiving holidays at the home of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Amandus von Borstel spent the past week in Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Rees and son of Shaniko were visitors at the Wayne McCulloch home Saturday evening.

Wm. Young and Esta and Tressa Horner of Hood River spent Saturday and Sunday visiting with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gregg and daughters spent the latter part of the week in Bend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grgg.

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