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**MORE TAXES**

The proponents of the sales tax are to be congratulated. This group is composed of those who believe that the expenses of the state cannot be reduced to the size of the income and those who believe that their personal welfare would not be well served if the expenses of the state were so reduced.

Working together they have persuaded the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, the Oregon Wool Growers, the county officials in convention assembled that the sales tax is necessary. So far the Grange is the only farm organization holding out against the sales tax and demanding economies in state government.

The other groups have put themselves in the position of the farmers wife who was told by her spouse that when the horse buyer called she was to ask \$100 for the horse in the barn, but if she couldn't get that to take \$90. The lady, not being versed in the wiles of horse trading, in a day when horse trading had wiles, stated her entire instruction to the horse buyer with the result that she received \$90 for the horse.

The groups of farmers and officials that have heard the sales tax proponents have voted for that measure because they preferred it to a reimposition of the property tax. All of these organizations have neglected to ask for economies great enough to make neither the sales tax nor the property tax necessary.

It may be that it is absolutely impossible for the state government to reduce expenses sufficiently to evade the imposition of other taxes than are now levied. One cannot judge of that without more definite information than has been given out by the officials. But, be it remembered, almost without exception every taxing unit in the state has cut expenses in varying degrees up to fifty percent except the state itself.

When county governments were faced with lowered incomes they were forced to reduce government costs. When the state is faced with the same condition the talk is of new taxes or a revival of old taxes.

Furthermore, when tax reduction arguments become insistent, it is suggested that cuts be made in the most important functions of the state instead of in the most useless. For instance, the board of higher education has saved almost two million dollars in the last biennium partly through their own initiative and partly through the veto of the bill providing a part of its funds. Probably the board can make greater economies, but certainly education should not bear the brunt of criticism until other state activities have reduced proportionately.

When a farmer finds it necessary to reduce his personal expenses he doesn't begin by refusing to buy school books for his children, and kicking the family dependents out into the street. The state might well follow the policy of eliminating the unnecessary items in government, then the things we like but can do without before crippling the necessary functions of the state.

Let the major emphasis be placed on reduction first and abate some of this hurry to find a substitute for taxes until we are certain one will be needed.

**IS IT COLD**

For once we have a question on which everyone can agree. And after national elections that caused noticeable disagreement among the entire people, and state elections wherein people showed an inclination to differ radically with their neighbors and after county elections that caused positive ill feeling in some quarters so strong was the disagreement it is a rather pleasant relief to find a topic on which there is a unanimity of opinion. Everyone says it is cold.

Better yet, folks do not grudgingly admit the chilliness of the weather as if they had recently been convinced by a masterly radio address or conclusive facts in the hands of an adversary. No, there is nothing half hearted about it, people shout it when meeting on the street as if personally completely certain of the truth of their statement. And taking an old saw for it—through old saws are some times wrong—what everyone says must be so. It is cold. It is the east wind, the radical, that has caused this general agreement. There is nothing pleasant about an east wind; it is either freezingly cold, as in winter, or so hot, as in summer, that it changes everything in nature to its temperature and convinces everyone of its potency.

But we were concerned primarily with the unanimity of opinion about the prevailing weather. If one desirous of political preferment could convince voters so quickly to a given thought, how powerful he might become; even a Roosevelt might envy him, though what for is a trifle beyond our understanding.

No bootlegger is going to feel very badly over the prices announced for government whiskey.

County judges also would like to ride cheaper.



Here are the pictures of the Sherman County Fair judges, including men and women in formal attire, standing in front of a building.



**Grass Valley**

Ross Fields, second son of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fields, suffered a dangerous and painful accident Sunday evening when he was struck in the left eye by an arrow shot by his brother, Leighton. Dr. Poley thinks that the eye can be saved as the eye ball was not punctured.

Wilbur Haggerty was through town Tuesday returning from a trip to Portland with a load of wheat.

Weather hereabouts has been the kind that grandfathers relate to dependents. The thermometer at the depot registered 18 degrees below zero one morning and others have been depressed still further. No one knows whether or not these indicators are correct, but everyone is agreed that it feels every bit that cold.

Matt Simon was a visitor in The Dalles last week for a few days.

George Helms left for Oakland last week to spend the holidays with his family.

Discussions of the actions of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League has waxed hot and heavy since the return of the visitors at Condon last week.

The old time, midwinter ball has been postponed until the weather conditions change to a something more nearly normal.

Christine Folda is visiting here with her sister, Mrs. Herman Peters.

Henry Patjens transacted business in The Dalles the first of the week.

A number of young people of this vicinity were guests at a surprise birthday party given for William McKinney last week.

Mrs. G. Davies entertained for her mother, Mrs. Harry Dawley, who was a visitor here last week. Two tables of bridge was in play.

**Kent News**

Dr. C. L. Poley made a business trip to Kent last Wednesday morning.

Walter Wayne Adams was a visitor in Kent Sunday from Antelope.

Lt. Carl W. Nelson of Portland

spent Thursday and Friday in Kent.

Miss Murdina Medler spent the weekend at The Dalles with her sisters.

Mrs. Dick Reckmann spent Friday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gentry of Moro.

J. U. Leonard and Paul Weller of Redmond were visitors at the J. C. Wilson home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gregg and family, Walter Wilson and Hester Lyons were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Walton Sunday.

Dick Sather spent the week end at the E. M. Helyer home.

Friends of Charles Buhman of Forest Grove were sorry to hear of his death one day last week. Mr. Buhman had the flu and it later developed into pneumonia causing his death.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Morrow, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Sather attended Pomona grange last Saturday at Grass Valley.

The Odd Fellow Lodge held their regular meeting last Saturday evening and later an oyster feed.

The Misses Hilda and Lillian Schassen and their mother of The Dalles, and J. L. Davis of Kent were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Andrews last Sunday.

Hester Lyons spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Gregg.

Dick Abel was a visitor in The Dalles Tuesday.

Ed Alley, of Grass Valley and Mr. Hollenbeck, the game warden were business visitors in Kent on Monday afternoon.

Pete Robinson of Shaniko was in Kent on Monday afternoon.

Jack Kelly was burned quite severely last Friday afternoon, when he was cleaning his sink with lye. He pored boiling water on the lye causing it to fly up and burn his face.

J. N. MacInnis returned home with a band of sheep, from Burns last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Justensen and son Art were visitors at Moro last Sunday.

Mrs. Orma Nelson and daughter of The Dalles spent the past week visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Walton.

The Home Economics Club, of the

grange held an all day meeting last Tuesday. The men fixed dinner while the women quilted.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Helyer and

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**Dr. J. A. BUTLER**  
 DENTIST

HOME OFFICE, WASCO  
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family spent Sunday at the E. M. Helyer place.

Mrs. J. C. Hartley and son Clinton of Jefferson were visitors at the J. H.

Wilson home the first of the week. Charles Wicklander spent Monday at the J. L. Davis home.

B. Gregg and Walter Wilson motored to Bend Monday returning home Tuesday evening.

L. J. Gates was a business visitor at Kent Tuesday of last week.

J. C. Wilson and family spent Saturday and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Leonard of Redmond.

Next Grange will hold its next meeting Saturday evening, December 17th at 9:30 a public meeting will be held. A dance will be given afterwards.

Maxine Pluemke and Helen Wilson have offered a box of candy as a prize to the one who sells the most Christmas seals in the school.

The intermediate room have new Christmas borders on their boards.

The intermediate room drew names last Friday and everyone is looking forward to the party when they will receive their gifts, Friday, December 23rd.

The plants in the intermediate room have frozen since the cold spell.

The Kent volley ball girls won another victory last Tuesday evening when they played their last game of the season with the Wasco team on the Wasco floor. At the end of the half the score was 15-14 in favor of Wasco. In the second half the Kent girls went into the game with the determination to fight and win the game. At the end of the game the score was 44-28 in our favor.

**Kent School Notes**

The K Kent basketball teams journeyed to Wapinitia last Friday evening. The girls won their game with a score of 35-15. The Kent boys were not quite so lucky and lost by a score of 14-31. The boys played an interesting game, and kept up the old fight.

Joseph and Marion Morrow were absent from school Thursday.

The 7th and 8th graders have started working on their new history workbooks.

Marjory MacInne was absent from school last Thursday and Friday.

Those being absent in the 7th grade are Rose Ellen and Melvin Barnett and Edna McKay.

The Kent basketball teams started meeting basketball last Thursday.

Last week was the end of the six weeks period, so all of the pupils as well as the teachers were busy preparing for the tests.

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