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**PUBLICITY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

A couple of legislators from western Oregon have taken their tax reduction platform more seriously than good judgement would justify. They have introduced a bill that would allow county courts to post the county estimate of yearly expenditures instead of having them published in one or more newspapers in the county.

Outside of any personal feeling that newspaper men of the state may have in this matter they will oppose it on principle for they know well that publicity is the best means of insuring honest and conscientious conduct on the part of public officials.

Taxpayers of this county know that a large part of the reductions they have received in the past three years has been brought about through a greater understanding of the county government by the people themselves. It always works that way. When the cat is away the mice will play; when the people are asleep or uninformed about their government little extravagances creep in and grow into tax eating bureaus.

Publicity costs the people of this state something less than one tenth of one percent of their total tax bill. This is about the same percent as the benzoate of soda put into some preserved goods and the two serve the same purpose. They both prevent decay and rotteness from creeping into the whole.

It may be significant that the department of government of this county that has suffered the most criticism for the past four or five years is the one that has had the least publicity given to its expenditures. It is fatal to government to allow it to be conducted without proper information being given to those who support it. And therefore it may be assumed that the better judgement of the legislators will prevail and that the list of the estimated county expenditures will continue to be put before the people in a form that can be read and studied in comfort. If popular government is to continue every effort must be made to keep it from secrecy.

**SCHOOLS FIRST**

Those of this county who are familiar with the school situation have begun to wonder how it will be possible for the schools to operate next year. Unless something unforeseen happens nearly all of the schools of the county will be at least six months behind in their warrants by the end of the school year in May. This means that the income the districts will receive next term will be used for the payment of this year's school expense.

Even the warrant system requires some cash for their are certain necessities that cannot be bought with warrants. Teachers may be found who are willing to teach for warrants, all local expenses may be paid with them, but there still remains a dire need of cash in some quantity to carry on the schools.

There is one way this can be materially helped. Often taxpayers are able to pay a part of their taxes if not all. They may choose to pay on a quarter of land, the home, the business or some other part of their possessions that seem more dear to them than the remainder. If these persons and all others who are able to pay any taxes at all will pay their school taxes at least the districts may receive enough money to continue for another year.

According to a decision of the supreme court of Oregon it is no possible to pay taxes to one taxing unit. This assures the legality of the plan to pay school taxes in preference to other taxes and as the schools are probably the most important activity of the government it is proper that they should receive the first support of the financially embarrassed taxpayer.

Every attempt that is made to consolidate departments of state government meets with hasty defeat it seems. Every employee, every friend of every employee and every friend's friend rushes to the rescue of the job holder. From the information we are able to get about the offices in Salem a number of consolidations could be made that would insure greater efficiency at somewhat less cost.

If the department of agriculture can be taken as a criterion, consolidations are successful. In the last two years agriculture has received more benefit from the agencies formed for its benefit than it has heretofore and the cost has been smaller.

Farm relief that makes it possible for farmers to see sell for less, such as lower interest rates, will never be as popular or as valuable as a form of relief that allows farmers a large enough income to pay off debts and adopt a standard of living equal to any other class.

A legislator was thrown out of the Washington house for telling his colleagues that they were dead from the neck up. What is the old saying about it being the truth that hurts?

A modern young man must be one who insists that his best girl smell like a popular gargle.

**Grass Valley**

Mr. and Mrs. John Stevenson were here from Klondike Tuesday and were guests at the T. W. Alley farm west of town.

Art Bibby was here this week selling candy. He has a circuit west of Portland and one east and being in business for himself goes as fast as he pleases.

Clarence Plyler, barber, showman, musician and follower of various other occupations was here the last of the week. He is now living in Idaho and is in Oregon as booker for some of the dog team racers who will take part in the Mt. Hood races Sunday. Clarence looks rotund, happy and cheerful though complaining of hard times like the rest.

Mrs. Charles Lemley entertained a group of friends last Saturday at the Lemley home west of town. Pinochle, the new middle aged rage was the game played.

George Wilcox and wife were host and hostess to the Sunday supper club this week. After the group had swelled the attendance at church they adjourned to the Wilcox home for further discussion of pertinent questions.

Ivan Gervais made a trip to The Dalles Saturday returning by stage.

Bob Johnson and family were in Portland last week a few days. Long enough, in fact, for Bob to have a minor collision with his car.

Jim Woods is here again from Klamath Falls where he has spent a part of the winter. Jim says he is glad to get back to Grass Valley.

Word received from Earl Olds is that after he had carefully carted a lot of equipment to the station near the mine he is watching he had to leave it there because it could not be packed into camp.

Judge Krusow is in Salem this week watching the biennial show put on by the legislators for the benefit of any who cares to watch. The Judge may have a bill or two he is helping along as well, but he didn't say anything about that.

Mrs. V. A. Baker is in Condon this week visiting at the home of the J. S. Taylors who lived here for so many years.

Mrs. Arne Annula had the pleasure last week of hearing her brother sing over the radio station at Shreveport, La.

George Witter is here from Kent this week working on the well at the Collis Moore ranch.

**GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL NOTES**  
 Genevieve Beardsley, Editor.

The Grass Valley Sextet was defeated by a 18 to 17 score in an exciting game on the home floor Tuesday night. The girls came on the floor in their new warm-up suits. As soon as the whistle blew, Ellen and Norma began their splendid work together as forwards. Ellen succeeded in passing the ball to Norma to enable her to make five baskets before the game seemed under way. The score at the half was 14 to 6 in our favor. After the first half baskets were not so numerous on our side. By the third quarter the score was 17 to 17.

We were unable to make a basket although our forwards put up a splendid fight and the final score was 18 to 17 in Kent's favor.

A good fighting spirit was shown throughout the game by both teams and also the audience. An interest was aroused by yelling of a group of high school and grade school students. It was successfully led by Earle Shipley, Lois Russell and Ferd Stark.

The boy's game, which was more one-sided than that of the girls, was fought with a spirit equal to that of the girls. The score at the first half was 20 to 2. Due to the excellent team work of the boys they were able to make a large number of points. Henry Roth, our sophomore forward was high-point man. In the last half substitutions were made so that every member of the team was able to play. The final score was 30 to 17 in Grass Valley's favor.

The Grass Valley teams are now practicing full force for the games to be played next Friday at Moro. The Grass Valley teams defeated Moro in their first game.

Everybody seemed to enjoy the assembly singing Tuesday afternoon, judging from the volume with which every one burst forth.

Mr. Tetz recommended that the student body give a short program at the assembly Friday afternoon.

and as everyone seemed to be in favor, Miss Edmonds will take charge with Bruce Alley, Ellen Cox, and Genevieve Beardsley as an assisting committee who have already met to formulate plans.

Economics class is now striving on class notes, outside reading, and graphs as its diet; but it seems that the students insist on making "hash" of the whole situation instead of serving it in courses.

We wonder if Mr. Davies, in taking the roll Wednesday noon, counted Mr. Tetz late along with the other students who are unable to partake of their mid-day luncheon and rush back to their duties in thirty five minutes.

The 7th and 8th graders have elected their student body officers for the following six weeks: Bill Roth, president; Francis Fairchild, vice president; Doris Stradley, secretary; Ivan Blagg, treasurer; Edwin Peters, sargent at arms.

Billy Eaton has returned to school after a three months absence as a result of a broken leg. He broke his leg while helping at home.

Claire Balzer and Herman Ziegler have had perfect attendance.

**DOMESTIC ALLOTMENT**

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 between hope and despair.

The opposition seeks to bring the wrath of the public down upon the domestic allotment plan by warning that the measure means an increase of a billion dollars in the "tax burden of the consumers." The argument is untenable. The millions of unemployed know that increased agricultural buying power means return to jobs. They know that whatever the method adopted for increasing farm incomes, the consumers of farm products, and that means every body, will pay the bill. They know that the question is whether they are to have jobs at good wages and pay a little more for what they consume, or idleness and low priced food which they cannot buy. It would appear that there should be little difficulty in making a choice.

**Kent School Notes**

The Kent basketball teams met the Wasco ball teams last Tuesday evening on the home floor. The girls game proved to be one of the most exciting games of the season, altho the Kent girls led by a large score, which was 16 to 35 in Kent's favor at the end of the game.

The Kent basketball boys put up a good fight and held the Wasco boys down fairly well but were defeated by a score of 16 to 23.

Delores Gregg and Lavina Barnett have been absent from school for the past week.

Superintendent Knighten organized a 4-H handiwork and second division cooking club in the intermediate and 7th and 8th grade rooms while visiting the school here last Friday afternoon.

The Kent basketball teams carried a double victory last Friday evening when they met the Moro teams on the home floor. The boys had to fight to gain the lead but after gaining it they kept it throughout the rest of the game. The final score was 16-28. The girls led by a small margin the entire game. At the end of the first half the score was 15 to 12 in our favor. The second half was quite exciting for both teams went back and fought with a determination to win. The game ended with a score of 19 to 28. The Kent teams will meet Wasco on their floor next Friday.

The children of the primary room are constructing a small house. The 1st graders are building it and the 2nd and 3rd are making the furniture for it.

Student body officers in the 7th and 8th grade room are President, Maxine Pluemke; Vice President, Roselen Barnett; Secretary, Helen Wilson; Sheriff, Phoebe Loyns; Deputy, Melvin Barnett; Librarian, Edna McKay; Decorator, Roselen Barnett; English and Manner Inspector, Paul Schilling; Personal Property Inspector, Helen Sather.

**Kent News**

L. J. Gates of The Dalles was a business caller in Kent Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson and daughter Nellie, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Schadewitz and son John Henry were business visitors in The Dalles Wednesday.

Arnold Dellinger who has been con-

finned to his bed for the past week is now able to be out again.

Miss Rena Norton, Geraldine, Eugene and Cecil Norton were dinner guests at the J. C. Wilson home Tuesday evening.

Dr. C. L. Poley was a caller in Kent last Tuesday.

J. L. Davis and Dick Abell were business visitors in Moro Monday.

Amandus von Borstel was a business visitor in Portland the first of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Willy Knighten and family of Moro attended the basketball game at Kent Friday evening.

Among those who attended the dance at Moro last Friday evening were: Mrs. L. H. Ayres, Della Helyer, Alta Norton, Arnold Dellinger, Murdina Medler, Durward Helyer and R. P. Phelan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Byers and daughter Theida were visitors at the W. G. Helyer home Sunday.

Miss Berna Orr of Kent, Russell Hugg of Bay City, Milton Ness of Silverton, and Durward Helyer of Wapinitia, were week end guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer.

W. C. Helyer and son Jesse were business visitors in Grass Valley Saturday.

Warren Norton who has been in the Willamette valley the past three weeks returned home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Rollins, who has spent the past two weeks visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Virgil Schadewitz, left for her home at Oswego Saturday.

Among those who were visitors in The Dalles Saturday were: Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dellinger, Clarice Wilson, Alta Norton, Edna Lyons, Marjory MacInnes Miss Berna Orr and Mrs. Max Pluemke, Mrs. J. N. MacInnes, J. C. Wilson, Mrs. C. H. Schadewitz, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Helyer, A. A. Dunlap, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Phelan and Arthur Justesen.

Kent Grange No. 688 held its regular meeting last Saturday evening, with thirty five present. During the lecture hour H. E. Morrow, J. L. Matthes and Edwin Morrow played three musical selections. The lecture hour has been changed and will come at the end of the grange so the public may hear. The initiatory work was postponed as the candidates were unable to attend. After grange a social hour was enjoyed. The next meeting will be Saturday evening, February 11th.

**Kent Auxiliary Notes**

The Auxiliary of George Bell Post No. 49 held their regular evening meeting at the home of Theo von Borstel Thursday, January 26. There were twenty persons present. During

the business session it was decided to keep for the furniture fund the surplus money that was left from the chicken pie supper New Years eve the dues of the members who made food donations at that time was paid.

Flora Ayres, Community Service chairman reported a dance to be given February 11 at Kent and an essay contest for the Washington's birthday program will be sponsored by the Community Service and American-chairman.

After the business session the Legion members were invited in to a card party. There were four tables playing. Clara and Alfred Kock held high scores and the consolation prizes

went to Mildred Norton and Lewis Sather.

Refreshments consisting of apple pie a la mode, maple squares, pickles, coffee and candy were served.

The next regular sewing meeting will be held the Wednesday afternoon of February 8, at the home of Mildred Norton, President.

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