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DON'T PASS THE BUCK

Governor Meier advocates that the state salary cuts should be passed on to county officials and in his argument brings to the fore again his old contention that inasmuch as the counties, cities and other districts spend a large part of the tax money they should reduce expenditures.

This is undoubtedly true, but the governor is surely not so unacquainted with the recent history of the state that he doesn't know that county taxes have been reduced heavily within the past two or three years. Sherman county has brought its taxes down nearly one half and would have done so had not the state reimposed the property tax for state purposes.

The state tax without the elementary school tax is still 12 per cent of the total taxes in this county and it should be reduced. There is nothing to be gained by an attempt to pass the buck to other taxing bodies. It is especially inopportune now when the appropriations for the state are being held up because the executive office insists that it shall receive a larger sum than other governors have enjoyed; and when the other state bureaus that have been instituted by the governor are protected from lessened appropriations by his influence.

It is true that the state demands but \$3,000,000 from direct taxation while other taxing units take ten times as much. The other units perform at least ten times the service to the people. Ordinarily the smaller taxing bodies return more for each dollar spent than do the large ones and this is true in this state.

It is also true that when the total sums taken from the people through all the many indirect taxes are counted the state is still a very material tax spender. The \$9,339,616 dollars in the budget approved by the governor and the \$43,110,291 approved for the so called self sustaining activities will undoubtedly come from the people in some manner. It is a tax just as much as if it was on the tax statement and came from the sheriff.

There is nothing to be gained by qui bling over responsibility for taxes. City governments will have to stand the responsibility for city taxes, county governments for county taxes and state administration will have to be responsible for state taxes. Our government is built to divide this accountability and the individual heads of the different branches will rise and fall by their own efficiency and not by their ability to shift responsibility to other shoulders.

WHY NOT

The rapid growth of the practice of using some sort of money other than the official kind may be valuable in these times. It has been proposed that some such an arrangement be started for Sherman County. There are warrants scattered all over the county that are out of circulation because they are not generally accepted in trade.

If some means of using a sort of acceptable currency based on these warrants could be formulated it would add greatly to the ease of doing business in this county. With the warrants as collateral for the currency there need be no losses in the final settlement unless the county, the school districts and the cities repudiate their warrants—a possibility that is not likely.

The main help that such a proposed scheme would give would be in reducing the size of the warrants. If currency was issued, based on them, very small units could be made and used with little chance of loss.

As it is now the first person or firm who finds it necessary to take a warrant from laborer, teacher or county official has to keep it in his safe where it is completely out of circulation. All of the cash of the county is sent outside for payment of bills and the county is hampered because of the lack of a medium of exchange.

A form of currency, if it could be made generally acceptable, would relieve the situation and if backed by warrants deposited as a surety fund would result in no loss. As the warrants were paid the money would be drawn from circulation.

Like the income tax in Oregon is about to come to the front again after being completely buried during the session. It is a logical step to increase income rates and broaden the base.

So, Huey Long didn't make all his money selling books to the country folks. And he apparently learned something about political crookedness from experience, also.

They have taken both the domestic and the allotment features from the domestic allotment bill.

Oregon is 74 years old and apparently feels every day of it.

Grass Valley

Mrs. V. A. Baker returned home Sunday after a stay of several weeks at Condon with the J. S. Taylor family.

Tom Garrett and daughter Norma returned from Portland Sunday leaving Mrs. Garrett there to recuperate from an operation she had performed last week for tumor.

Mrs. Verna Burns and Henry Roth drove to Ione Saturday to visit at the Roy Feely home over the week end. Mrs. Feely is reported to be ill.

The Masonic order held a meeting here Tuesday night with the Deputy Master Homer S. Wall as guest of the evening. Several brothers were here from Wasco and Moro.

The Rebekahs celebrated Wednesday night with a Valentine party that was enjoyable to members present.

The Baptist Young Peoples Club gave a party at the Fred Cox home Tuesday evening.

A large number of men from here were in Moro Monday afternoon to see what the new organization of farmers were preparing to do about mortgage foreclosures.

Mrs. C. L. Poley entertained the bridge club at her home here Wednesday afternoon.

The pinocle club that has been revived the old card games this winter met with the R. J. Bakers Saturday evening.

The local coal yard was most popular this week with trucks from all over the county here after fuel due to shortage elsewhere.

Mr. and Mrs. Arne Annula entertained the Seth Parker club Sunday night with discussions of news and ideas.

GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL NOTES
 Genevieve Beardsley, Editor.

The Grass Valley basketball teams were defeated last Friday at Kent although they put up a good fight. The girls were in the lead in the whistle blew the girls were quite overwhelmed. The boys scored only 2 points in the first half to Kent's 8 points. The final score was 11 to 8 in Kent's favor.

Earle Shipley is back to school after another long siege of illness.

Kenneth Todd is also back after being ill for a long period of time.

The student body program last Friday proved as successful as the first one. However, there will be no program this Friday because of the work on the student body plays which will be presented in the near future. The main feature of the program was a pantomime, "The Shooting of Dangerous Dan McGrew."

The Upperclassmen gave a party for the Student Body last Saturday night. It was carried out in the Val-

entine idea. Ping Pong, Jig Saw Puzzles, Anagrams, and other games furnished the amusement. Refreshments were served in the latter part of the evening.

The Student Body will present two 1-act plays, Saturday, February 25, at the auditorium. The titles of the plays are "Bargains in Cathay" and "The Dumb Waiter." Musical numbers will fill out the program. Admission charge will be 10 and 20 cents.

The Wasco basketball teams will play the Grass Valley teams Friday, February 17, at Grass Valley.

Kent News

Estell Hartley of Grass Valley was a visitor in Kent Friday evening.

The Legion dance which was given last Saturday evening was fairly well attended.

Walter Wilson was an over night guest at the Carl Schadewitz home Saturday.

Miss Murdina Medler spent the week end in Wasco.

Last Sunday, February 12, there were thirty two present at Sunday school with an offering of \$1.04. Two special songs were sung, "Growing Up for Jesus" by Geraldine Norton and "Dear to the Heart" by Phyllis Haynes sang "Dear to the Heart of an Shepherd. There were 513 Bible chapters read during the week.

Kendrick Dunlap was a visitor in Moro Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Walton and Garth Crowe were visitors in The Dalles last Monday.

J. H. Wilson was a visitor at school all day Tuesday.

Roy Justesen of Bend is visiting at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Justesen.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stout and son Kenneth and Chas. McCutcheon of Shaniko attended the dance here Saturday evening.

Eileen Hogue of Grass Valley spent the week end at the home of her grandmother, Mrs. Belle Hogue.

Chris Thompson and daughter Helen of Antelope spent Saturday and Sunday visiting at the Fred Justesen home.

Geo. McKay is seriously ill with pneumonia.

The Rebekah Lodge are going to give an interesting program next Saturday evening, February 18th, at the grange hall after which dancing will be the entertainment for the rest of the evening.

Carl Schadewitz and family spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Wilson.

Mrs. J. N. MacInnes and Mrs. Alfred Lyons went to The Dalles on business last Saturday. Marjoris and Edna went with them.

Durward Helyer of Wapinitia spent the week end at Kent with his

parents. Kent Grange No. 688 held its regular meeting last Saturday evening with about thirty five members present. A Lincoln program was given during the lecture hour. Mr. Stephens of Moro gave an interesting report to the farmers about the kind of wheat that should be seeded. The next meeting will be held Saturday evening February 25th. The initiatory work will be put on.

The Wapinitia basketball town team met the Kent town team last Saturday evening on the Kent floor. The Kent team was victorious by a score of 33 to 15.

A. A. Dunlap was a visitor in Grass Valley Saturday.

The Eastern Star is giving a benefit dance at Grass Valley on Friday night. Everybody invited.

Kent School Notes

The Kent basketball teams added another double victory to their list last Friday evening when they defeated the Grass Valley teams on the home floor.

In the first half the Grass Valley boys were unable to score more than 2 points against the Kent defense making the score 7 to 2. At the end of the game the score was 11 to 6 in our favor.

The girls game was exciting and fairly close throughout the first half and the score was 11 to 6 in favor of Grass Valley. In the second half the Kent girls went back in the game with the determination to win, and due to the good work of the guards the Grass Valley girls scored only three points during the second half and the game ended with a score of 23 to 14.

Friday evening, February 17, the Kent teams will meet the Rufus teams on the home floor, which will be the last county game Kent will participate in this year.

The various grade rooms had a Valentine party Tuesday.

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Kent Auxiliary Notes

The members of the Auxiliary of George Bell Post No. 49 have completed several new gingham bloomer dresses and have mended a child's wool coat for the Child Welfare Department.

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HI-WAYS TO HEALTH
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OREGON DAIRY COUNCIL

There is no other meal during the entire week that is as pleasant as the Sunday supper. We think of it as a leisurely meal which should be made as easy as possible for the housewife, as well as for the family and guests, if any. There is no need for an elaborate menu or for much food, because, as a rule, Sunday dinner is a hearty one and often served late. The more informal and simple the Sunday supper is kept with everyone helping in the preparation, the more pleasant and cheerful the occasion becomes.

The Sunday supper menu should be made up of food which we are apt to have on hand most of the time. One simple hot dish during winter evenings tastes good. A delicious one easy to prepare is Shrimp La Newburg. It needs no before hand preparation, in fact, can be put together at the last minute and is served on toast or small baking powder biscuits.

- Shrimp a La Newburg
- Four tablespoons butter
 - Four tablespoons all-purpose flour
 - One teaspoon salt
 - Few grains cayenne
 - Two cups rich milk
 - Two cups fresh cooked or canned shrimps
 - Two egg yolks

One tablespoon cooking sherry or lemon juice
 Melt butter, add flour, salt and cayenne and mix well. Add milk gradually and bring to boiling point, stirring constantly. Add shrimps. Just before serving add the beaten egg yolks and flavoring. Garnish with parsley and thin strips of pimento, and serve over hot biscuits or toast. Amount: 6 or 8 servings.

Another easily made hot dish is Blushing Bunny, so-called because of its similarity to the Welch Rarebit.

- One half pound American cheese
 - One tablespoon butter
 - One can tomato soup
 - One third teaspoon mustard
 - One third teaspoon pepper
- Cut the cheese in small pieces and place in the upper part of a double boiler with the butter to melt. Add the tomato soup and seasoning, and cook until smooth. Serve on crackers or on buttered toast. Amount: 6 servings.

The sandwich type of supper is always popular. Cold meat left from dinner or cheese mixtures, between thin slices of buttered bread and served with a crisp salad always works out nicely. The material may all be placed on the table letting each person make his own according to his taste. This informal method of serving pleases everyone.

which was to have been held Wednesday February 8th was postponed on account of the blizzard and will be held Wednesday p. m. March 8th at the home of the President, Mrs. Norton.

The Auxiliary will have a small part in the Washington's Birthday Program which the teachers and pupils of the Kent school are very kindly spending their time and energy in preparing and which will be given at the school house in the afternoon of February 21. The winners of the essay contest will be announced and rewarded at this program.

The Auxiliary served the supper at the dance given in the Legion hall Saturday night February 11. There

were about 80 people present at this dance who enjoyed the music by the Kent Melody Makers, directed by Mrs. Flora Ayres, Community Service chairman.

The next regular evening meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Justesen, Thursday February 23.

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