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OUR BIENNIAL MADNESS

Assailed on all sides the legislature struggles on in its wrestle with the problems of the state. Forty days, forty-five days and perhaps on up to sixty days the bout continues and still the problems of state have all the honors without the legislature making good competition.

Questions regarding the election of national committeeman and woman, the changing of the names of cemetery associations and speeding up work of circuit courts (as if the legislators could give any advice on that subject) have been considered. Perhaps it is unfair to comment unfavorably about the lack of public discussion of the really important measures. Surely these matters have been before committee after committee in many forms but there is no one with a complete program that the many bills can be made to fit and therefore delay and waiting is still the fare of the solons.

It will have to end sometime for the businesses of legislators will need them and \$120 cannot be made to stretch many days past the regular forty.

Are the people to have a sales tax, a property tax or will the lawmakers finally decide to cut and slash budgets until neither is needed? What will be done about highway funds? What about a lot of things that have been left until the last unremunerative days when legislation is hurriedly passed, often to be regretted later?

We doubt if the individual legislators are to blame. The system is at fault in that it gives rise to the presumption that ninety men hitherto unacquainted can meet, organize and agree in forty days upon the momentous problems of the times. When it is considered that each legislator must read, study and form a definite conclusion on twenty bills per day, as an average, to finish the session on time the task immediately looks staggering.

It appears now, that some reform must be made in our legislative processes if legislatures are to really represent the people from whom they derive their power, in theory at least.

THAT SALES TAX

The sales tax has had a queer history in this county. When it was first proposed it was opposed by nearly everyone. At the meeting of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League in Condon resolutions were passed favoring it in preference to a property tax but many even among those who attended that conference did not favor this action feeling that any additional tax was unnecessary.

Lately a different attitude has become apparent. While the state grange head is still working against the sales tax bills a considerable part of the grangers in this county express themselves as favoring such a tax if it will be used to prevent the imposition of a property tax. This change in attitude has certainly tended to confuse the legislators representing this district.

This newspaper is still of the opinion that great economies could be made by the legislature, but it becomes almost certain that this session is not going to make them. If it does not there remains the necessity of raising money through some means.

There seems to be little hope of passing a satisfactory income tax for no strong organization is working toward that end. One with 1 w enough exemptions and high enough rates would probably be defeated by initiative anyway. There remains the alternative of a sales tax or a property tax.

As far as Sherman county is concerned it would be called upon to pay less taxes by a sales tax than by the present property tax law. Our present tax for state purposes is \$24,577 and we would have to sell over \$800,000 worth of goods to be taxed that much on sales even at 3 per cent. A general sales tax that included all sales would be the most satisfactory according to the generally expressed opinion.

The bill that would exact one-quarter of one percent on manufacturers and farmers first sale of produce and 2 percent on sales to consumers is probably as fair as any that has been proposed. This bill proposes to return a half of the proceeds to the counties. The division of this money to the counties presents a problem for, in case the money was returned to the counties in proportion to the amount paid by that county it would be unfair to those counties whose residents traded to a large extent in towns outside the confines of those counties.

The sales tax is better than the property tax in that it would be paid and money returned to the county could be used to maintain schools. Under the present tax laws some schools may have almost unsurmountable difficulties to overcome before starting next fall.

We elect a man president and congress makes him a dictator; we make a law and no one obeys it. O tempora, O Mores.

Prosperity is still around that corner.

Grass Valley

The Odd Fellows Lodge of Grass Valley is giving Old Time Dances every Saturday night in February at the Grange hall. Everybody is invited and a social good time is guaranteed for both young and old. Admission 40 cents for men and 25c for high school boys. Three prizes for lucky numbers are given at each dance. Prizes donated by Local merchants.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds entertained informally at their home Tuesday night of last week the following guests. Messrs and Mesdames Poley, T. W. Alley, Earl Olds, Florin Coon and Eben Kee.

Word has been received here of the serious illness of Mrs. M. L. Fritte, now of Goldendale but for many years a resident of this town. She was operated on at a hospital in The Dalles. King Fritts, a nephew, is in The Dalles with other members of the family.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepard were hosts to a series of dinner parties last week.

Mrs. L. V. Walton and Mrs. A. A. Dunlap were shopping in Grass Valley last week.

Henry Clements returned Monday after a winter spent in Vancouver, Wash.

Fred Cox left Tuesday for Vancouver, Wash., with his mother who is returning to her home there after visiting with her sons in Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Olds were hosts last week to their regular Saturday night Pinochle club. Members of the club are Messrs and Mesdames R. J. Baker, T. W. Alley, Herman Schilling, Chas. Lemley, E. Balzer and Dell Olds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Shepard were dinner hosts to friends from Moro Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilt and Mr. and Mrs. Blake were dinner hosts to Moro and Grass Valley friends last Thursday evening at the Wilt home.

Lee Stradley came up Friday to spend a few days visiting with his parents Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Stradley.

Miss Cassie Holmes is in The Dalles with her sister, Mrs. John Brogan.

Curtis Stark, Frank Pike and Alton Olds left Tuesday for Portland

where they will see the sights around the auto show.

Vernon Hays was visiting here this week with Harold Blagg who was up from The Dalles.

Harold Todd has been making a few trips on the mail route this week while the mud is deep.

Tom Garrett, I. D. Pike and C. W. Fields are in Portland this week. The auto show attracted a part of them and it is probable that Mrs. Garrett will be able to return with her husband.

Con Buckley and wife, of The Dalles, were Grass Valley visitors the last of the week.

Sage rats are frisking around in the Dutch settlement and the roads are showing the first signs of dust.

Kent News

Kent Grange No. 686 will hold its regular meeting next Saturday evening, February 25, and the initiatory work will be put on.

Geo. McKay who has been quite ill with pneumonia is much improved.

Carl Gregg and J. H. Kelly were business visitors in Grass Valley last Saturday.

Miss Rena Norton who has spent the past month visiting at the home of her brother J. E. Norton and family left Monday for her home at Air- lie, Oregon.

Mrs. Roy Justesen spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Justesen.

Florence Young, who is attending school at Wasco, spent the week end with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young.

W. W. Knighten of Moro and Fred Krusow of Grass Valley attended the funeral services of John Dougherty Monday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Rees and son Bill, John and Elmer Abel of Shaniko were visitors in Kent Saturday evening.

John, Henry and Andy Beckmann of Grass Valley spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Beckmann.

An interesting program was given last Saturday evening by the members of the Rebekah lodge, followed by dancing. A mid night supper was also served.

HI-WAYS TO HEALTH
 by ADA R. MAYNE
OREGON DAIRY COUNCIL

Desserts are often looked upon as slow even for about fifteen minutes.

Veiled Bread Pudding
 Two cups fine bread crumbs
 Two tablespoons butter
 Two-thirds cup granulated sugar
 One-half cup some good flavored jam
 One-half cup whipping cream
 Melt the butter and add the crumbs and sugar and mix thoroughly. Line a baking pan or molds with heavy paraffined or greased paper, and pack the crumbs in solidly. Place in a moderate oven (375F) for twenty minutes. Turn out onto a serving dish. It should hold together in cake form. Eat hot or cold, and just before serving spread each serving with the jam, then cover with the whipped cream. Six servings.

Baked Maple Custard
 Two large eggs
 One-eighth teaspoon salt
 One-third cup maple sugar or syrup
 Two cups milk, scalded
 One-half teaspoon maple flavoring
 Beat eggs lightly. Grind maple sugar through meat chopper and add to the eggs. Add salt, and then milk, stirring during the addition. Cook over hot water until mixture will form a coating on a silver spoon. Remove from the stove, add flavoring and let cool. Serve with a spoon of whipped cream on the top. Four servings.

Baked Rice Custard
 Four egg yolks
 Three cups milk
 Two cups cooked rice
 One cup granulated sugar
 One-half teaspoon grated lemon rind
 Four egg whites
 Six tablespoons sugar
 One-half teaspoon salt
 Beat egg yolks thoroughly, add milk and stir until well blended. Then add rice, sugar, salt and rind. Turn into buttered baking dish or into individual buttered molds. Place in pan of hot water, then put into a moderate oven and bake until firm or about 25 minutes. Cover with a meringue made of the egg whites and tablespoons of sugar. Brown in a

oven for about fifteen minutes.

Apricot Crusty Pudding
 Soak one cup of cleaned, dried apricots in four cups cold water over night. Then cook slowly with one fourth cup sugar for five minutes. Drain, reserving the syrup for sauce. Measure and sift together one and one-half cups flour, 3 teaspoons baking powder and one-half teaspoon salt, add one well beaten egg one-half cup milk, 1 tablespoon melted butter and the apricots. Mix thoroughly and pour into a shallow greased pan. Bake in a hot oven of 400F. for 25 minutes or until done. Serve hot, cut in squares, with whole milk or cream.

Miss Edna Lyons spent the week end at the home of Virginia Helyer.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Walton returned to the farm Tuesday after several days sojourn in their Dalles home.

Among those who were visitors in The Dalles last week were Jim Dellinger and family, Mrs. Max Pluemke, J. C. Wilson and wife, Mrs. Carl Schadewitz, Miss Berna Orr, J. E. Norton, Gus Schilling and son Robert.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Schadewitz spent Wednesday at the home of Vergil Schadewitz at Grass Valley.

Paul Stout and family were Kent visitors from Shaniko last Sunday.

Dancing people who attended the hop at Grass Valley last Friday night were Mrs. L. H. Ayres, Alta Norton, Della Helyer, Berge Orr, Mrs. A. A. Dunlap, Arnold Dellinger, Joe Bibby, Kendrick Dunlap, Albert Pluemke, George Wilson and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Phelan.

Charles McCutcheon of Shaniko was a visitor in Kent Sunday.

Frank von Borstel and family, Mrs. Essie Wilson and Charlie Bill, and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Smith were guests at the J. G. Wilson home last Sunday the occasion being the birthday of J. H. Wilson and Junior von Borstel and also the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson.

Kent School Notes

The "Smiling Sewing Sisters" held their first meeting last Friday afternoon.

In honor of George Washington's birthday the 7th and 8th grade pupils studied Stuart's picture of Washington.

Marguerite Mitchell and Lorena Young were absent from school the first of the week due to illness.

The following student body officers were elected in the 7th and 8th grad room last week: President, Paul Schilling; Vice President, Phoebe Lyons; Librarian, Melvin Barnett; Sheriff, Maxine Pluemke; Manner Instructor, Helen Wilson; English Instructor, Phyllis Haynes; Decorator, Edna McKay; Personal and Property Instructor, Rose Ellen Barnett.

Another double victory was added to the Kent basketball list when they defeated the Rufus teams last Friday evening on the home floor.

The boys game was fast and exciting and the Rufus boys were unable to score many points against the Kent defense. The score at the end

of the game was 16 to 12.

In the girls game Kent lead by quite a large margin throughout the game the score being 34 to 18.

It was the last county game of the season for the Kent teams. Due to the fact that the Kent girls have won more games than any other girls team in the county they were awarded county championship. The Kent girls scored 227 points to their opponents 157 points in the county games they played.

The regular line-up was.

Anna Sather, Alta Norton and Clarice Wilson—Forwards. Marguerite Mitchell, Margaret Dunlap and Lorena Young—Guards. Virginia Hel-

yer and Clarice Mitchell were substitutes.

The Senior class are practicing on their play "Jimmy, Be Careful" which they expect to put on March 11. The play is very interesting and is sure to keep one laughing throughout the entire time.

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