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SALES TAX

Oregon has been presented with another sales tax measure and opponents are starting referendum proceedings to give the people a chance to take it or leave it.

The tax will take one and one half percent on all retail sales which is paid by the consumer and give it to the state. It is expected to raised \$4,000,000 all of which will be given to the schools of the state to directly relieve school taxes. It is claimed that property taxes will be reduced an average of four mills by this tax.

It is easy to see the objection of organized labor against this form of taxation. The working men of the state, especially those in the cities are not used to paying for their schools, roads and governmental protection and they have no anxiety to begin. The attitude of the grange as expressed by its leader is harder to understand. If grangers are largely property owners who, like other farm owners, are somewhat delinquent in their tax payments they should welcome whatever aid may be given toward relief of their burdens. If, on the other hand, the grange is composed of renters and non-farm owners they can reasonable oppose any form of taxation but the direct property tax.

It is apparent to all who have studied the tax situation that the property tax must not be further depended upon to finance all the activities of the state. Property owners can't stand it. Their income is too limited. Farmers who own land often pay a quarter to a third of their income for taxes. We feel that they have a perfect right to ask all others to contribute one and one half percent of their income to government.

No one is going to like a sales tax. It will be a nuisance. But it will not be delinquent and it will cause no one to lose his property. Wh-d the sales tax proposal was made last year there were four states with sales taxes; now there are nineteen. Many of these states are pleased with their new tax law.

We feel that the time has come to change the tax system in this state and relieve property from paying all the costs of government. We favor an income tax for this purpose but realize that alone it is unsuited to all conditions. In conjunction with a sales tax the income tax may raise the money necessary to operate the government and give tangible property the breathing spell it must have.

BANKS — BIG AND SMALL

Recently it appeared that everyone was agreed that the small country bank was indeed a thing of the past for it was freely prophesied that never again would we have small town banks as in the past fifty years. Talks made at the wheat league meeting followed this trend and those who are shaping the national banking policy were scornful of small banks.

The Country Gentleman in article and editorial dares to disagree with this assumption and presents some very worthy arguments to show that after all the small country bank has as good a record as the big city banks.

Really more depositors money has been lost in bonds, favored by large banks, than is local loans in the community, favored by country banks. The bankers who have been on the carpet before the inquisitive Mr. Pecora are not the little bankers although they might have lost their depositor's money through a fall in farm prices. Yet the little bankers have been marked for extinction and the big bankers are upheld as the only salvation for the banking public.

Just lately a pamphlet came to our desk showing that there was more deposits in New York than in all the remainder of the country put together. Smaller banks re-deposit with the city banks and cause this condition. It doesn't appear that the development of the entire country will be best furthered by such centralization. Local banks, locally owned have done much toward making rural communities satisfactory places in which to live and we believe they will return when the peculiar conditions of the present become history instead of current events.

We could use some of the coast's surplus moisture. Talk about dividing up the money equally. How about the rainfall.

Oregon apples and pears are reported to be causing a headache to commerce officials who are trying to trade exports to fruit for imports of wine. The headache will probably be increased if the deal is made.

The liquor board has decreed that drinks must be kept out of the window displays. Oh, well, people are used to keeping it in the back room anyway.

Merry Christmas.

Review of Week's Events

Inflation by means of lowering the price of gold has met with weighty arguments within the past two weeks. Opponents of this means of raising prices have shown that with the gold price at \$34.01, the government price, prices should be near the 1926 level. The dollar is now worth about sixty cents judged by former standards. This should raise prices 66 percent, say the opposition. Instead prices have gone up but 20 percent.

The old populist theory that the price of gold had a direct influence on the price of commodities has not proven correct up to now, although there is a possibility that if given time prices will rise to compare with the decrease in the value of gold. The administration while making no statement about what will be done is expected to continue the experiment.

Liquor, hard and soft, is now legal in 20 states of the union and legislators and administrators are busy trying to devise means of coping with the new problems. In Oregon the new commission, George McMorrin, of Eugene, James Burns, of Condon, and Alex Barry, of Portland, are studying the newly made Knox law in an effort to find out just what are their duties and powers under that law. A man has been sent to Canada to make an investigation of enforcement there and nothing important will be done until he returns.

The state is definitely in the liquor business, that much is certain. The board must prepare for the establishment of liquor stores throughout the state or arrange for private persons to handle the drinks for them. Both ways may be used. Whether towns having ordinances against the sale of liquor will be given stores or not is unknown.

Continued rainfall has flooded parts of western Washington causing several deaths and untold property damage within the last ten days. High winds along the coast caused at least three ships to send out the SOS call and one of them was wrecked before aid could reach it.

Increased national confidence was prophesied last week as investors hurried to subscribe for a new government issue of bonds. There were \$950,000,000 worth of these to bring 2 and a quarter percent. Over two and a half million dollars was offered the government.

It is variously estimated that the congress will vote from three to ten million dollars when it meets in January. This will be spent for relief needs, new civil works projects and loans to private industry for labor making purposes if it is approved.

The money will come from higher income and corporation taxes, from liquor and from further borrowings in all likelihood.

The national head of the AAA, George Peek, has resigned to take over a new department which will seek opportunities for export of farm products. Mr. Peek disagreed with brain-truster Tugwell about the policy of the government. It was said that Peek, who was one of the first workers for the equalization fee for the disposal of surplus crops, did not favor placing the United States farmers on a strictly domestic basis without making an effort to hold foreign markets. The dissension may be reflected in the northwest if the government adheres to the domestic allotment plan and throws overboard the export subsidy scheme that is moving wheat out of the Pacific coast states.

Grass Valley

Miss Maud Homewood arrived in Grass Valley Monday from Adel where she is teaching school. She will remain over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Dern, of Pendleton and Ralph Dern of Unity were here briefly Tuesday afternoon on business.

CWA workmen are now directing their attention to the school house and are slinging paint and nailing shingles to beat the band. The street work and bridge was completed Tuesday night with the exception of work for one man for one day.

Mrs. G. Everett Baker, of Portland who has been visiting here with R. J. Bakers since Thanksgiving returned to her home Monday.

Miss Barbara Walpole returned

from Eugene last week for mid-winter vacation from her studies at the University of Oregon.

Art Bibby left for Portland the first of the week going by way of Maupin to pick up O. M. Fraley who will make the trip with him.

Relatives of A. McNab, local station agent, have been called to his bedside in The Dalles hospital as he is very low.

Miss Alma von Borstel is visiting here for a few days with her sister, Mrs. A. Kock. She comes from Portland.

Roy Barnett made a trip to Portland Monday with a truck load of stock for Portland people to feast on during Christmas holidays.

Bridge fans of the city met with Mrs. Tom Garrett Tuesday afternoon for their weekly session with the pasteboards.

Frank Pike was in Portland Monday for a brief respite from his duties at Field's garage.

Several of the men who have been employed here on the street work have reported to the road camp in the employe here on the street work CWA work.

E. E. Gervais and family were in The Dalles Wednesday on business.

GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL NOTES
 Kenneth Todd—Editor.

The formal initiation of the girls league, sponsored by Mrs. Rowc, was held at the school house on Monday Dec. 11. This consisted of initiating all the girls into the club that had joined. After the main ceremonies, refreshments were served and speeches made.

A large Christmas program is scheduled for Thursday, December 21 in the evening at the auditorium in Grass Valley and every one is cordially invited. This year will be added many attractions to the regular grade school program. Both boys and girls glee clubs will furnish music and the band will also favor the audience with a few numbers.

The honor roll for this six weeks includes: Freshmen—Frances Fairchild. Sophomores—Janet Wilcox, Cora Bayer, and Isabelle Fortner. Juniors—Mildred Alley. Seniors—Vivian Reynolds and Lila Fay Boyce.

Basketball practice has been temporarily delayed this week because of invasion by a group of painters striving to shine the place up a bit. They are painting the inside of the gym walls and the locker room. As this was a part of the program for employing the unemployed these men are also laying new shingles on the roof of the school house.

The first basketball game is scheduled for Friday December 22, in the Grass Valley gym at 7:30 and is to be played against Maupin. The boys have been doing some very intensive work in practice and much is expected of them in this game.

There has been some talk of starting a literary club in Grass Valley which would include any members of the student body who wished to join, but as there is no actual statistics known there is no surety of such a club until it is really started and sponsored by some one.

Wasco

Mrs. Frank Morrow entertained the members of the Contract Club last Wednesday at 1:30 desert luncheon. The high score for the afternoon was held by Mrs. Augusta Huckin.

Mrs. M. G. Tuel entertained the Junior bridge club and guests at her home last Wednesday. There were 4 tables and Mrs. Francis Medler won club prize and Mrs. Otis Royce guest prize. Old Santa appeared and each guest was presented with a gift from the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Dutton of Fossil were in Wasco a short time last Thursday.

The Pythian Sisters had a potluck dinner last Thursday night followed by election of officers for the new year as follows: Florence Walsh P. C. Olive Robinson, M.E.C.; Bee McKee, E.F.; Inga McClure, E.J.; Marcella Hilderbrand, Manager; Nellie Fields, Protector; Mary Brackett, O. J.; June Spencer, M. of R and C.; M. F. Louise Thomas, musician; Frances Guy. Correspondence; Margaret Kaseberg, Captain of degree staff; Nann Gohlier and Metta Kaseberg, trustees.

Herbert Root and L. P. Haven were business visitors in Portland last week.

Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Lamborn and Mr. and Mrs. Berna Guy were visitors in The Dalles Saturday.

The Tillicum bridge club and guests were entertained Thursday at the home of Mrs. Bob McPherson. There were 4 tables and club prize was taken by Mrs. Fern Wilde and guest prize by Mrs. R. O. Scott.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Smith and Mrs. Anna Lee went to Portland the first of the week. Delmar will return home with them to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Bruce Grady, Mrs. Bill Nesbit and Mrs. F. S. Lamborn shopped in The Dalles last Thursday.

The Wasco Woman's Study Club met Friday with Mrs. Augusta Huckin.

A surprise party was given last Saturday night for Charles Kuypers Sr. Mrs. Matt Schwendell and Mr. Simmons made high score at 500 and Miss Addington and J. S. Fowler made low score.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Turner of Portland spent last week end in Wasco with the Ormand Hilderbrands and Mrs. Marie Cooper.

Mrs. Jessie Amos returned from The Dalles after several days visit with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Purcell, Misses Maralyn and Barbara Purcell, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Proudfoot all of Yakima were guests last week end at the H. D. Proudfoot home.

The Mary Elizabeth of the M. E. church held their class party at the home of Mrs. Frank Knox Wednesday. A paper on David given by Mrs. Bruce Grady and one on Courage by Mrs. Hicks was read and Mrs. Leo Watkins sang "The Star of the East". Refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon by Mesdames Andrews, Sargent and Knox.

Mrs. Lydia Darby and Lorraine shopped in The Dalles Saturday.

The Altruistic Club met Friday with Mrs. Joe Hilderbrand and spent the afternoon sewing.

Mrs. Arthur Sargent, Mrs. Dan Mc Dermid and Mrs. Minnie McKinney shopped in The Dalles Thursday.

The Tuesday Study Club held their Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Leo Watkins this week. A paper on the Forest Reserve of Oregon was given by Mrs. Bruce Grady. A very interesting talk on "The Shepherds of the Holy Lands" was given by Mr. Warner. A box of gifts was sent to the Dorenbecker hospital for the children's Christmas. Refreshments were served by Mesdames Dingle Andrews and Grady.

Mrs. Afton McIntyre and Mrs. Hildred Zell entertained the Junior bridge club and guests last Saturday night. There were six tables of players and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Medler won club prize, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kaseberg guest prize and

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Mr. and Mrs. Berna Guy low score. The Pythian Sisters sent a box of gifts to the Pythian Home in Portland which is one of their annual affairs. The box was packed at Mrs. R. O. Scott's.

The Wasco Women's Study Club met Friday with Mrs. Bruce Grady.

Son—Dad, what's a monosyllable? Dad—A long term for a short word, son.

Friend—Did you raise any cucum-

bers this year in your little garden, as you expected?

Bride—No. The directions said to plant the seeds in hills, and you know our lot is perfectly level.

Goofus—Had you heard that the lumber companies are even marketing their knotholes now?

Rufus—No; how can that be? Goofus—They're selling them to the breweries to make bungholes for their beer barrels.

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Practically all cookies, no matter how elaborate the finished product can be developed from a simple basic recipe. The ingredients of this basic recipe are of prime importance in determining the flavor and food value of all of the cookies evolved from it. Cookies for example, made with butter have a distinctive taste and nutritive quality which cannot be obtained in any other way.

Some delicious Holiday cookie recipes are:

- Santa Claus Cookies
 One cup sugar
 One egg
 Two teaspoons baking powder
 One half cup butter
 One half cup milk
 Two to 2 and a half cups flour
 One half tsp. salt
 One teaspoon vanilla
 Cream butter well, add sugar and egg. Combine dry ingredients and

add alternately with milk. Finally stir in vanilla. Extra flour may be needed to facilitate in handling the dough. Roll thin, brush with egg white and cut in Christmas designs. Santa Claus, trees, animals, etc. Colored Sugar, raisins, nuts, citron, dates may be used for facial features. Bake in moderate oven.

- Almond Cookies
 One half cup butter
 Three-fourths cup sugar
 One third cup milk
 Two eggs
 One and one-third cups flour
 Two teaspoons baking powder
 One cup almonds blanched and cut fine
 Mix ingredients in order given. Bake in small well buttered fancy tins. Fill tins about two-thirds full. Bake in moderate oven. When done take from tins immediately.

Sour Cream Cocoanut Cookies
 One cup brown sugar
 One half cup butter
 One egg, beaten
 One half cup sour cream
 One half tsp. salt
 Two cups flour
 One half teaspoon nutmeg
 One half teaspoon soda
 Two teaspoons baking powder
 One cup grated cocoanut
 Cream shortening and sugar together; add beaten egg. Sift together dry ingredients and add cocoanut. Combine mixture alternately with cream. Mix well and drop by teaspoons on greased baking sheets. Bake in a hot oven of 400 F for 15 minutes.

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