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**WHO'S A CAPITALIST?**

It becomes apparent that the sales tax bill before the people this May is not going to be accorded the terrible fate of the one that met defeat last November. We don't mean to prophesy that this one will not be defeated, but that it does seem to have more friends than did the first one.

It should. It is a better bill. Also property owners many of whom voted against the other bill, have been wondering what their tax bills would have been had it carried. The owner of a section of land probably pays about \$300 in taxes each year. It is estimated that the sales tax will reduce taxes about 4 mills on the average. That should be about a quarter of the total tax in most cases or \$75 reduction for the section owner. If he buys \$2000 worth of goods in a year he is spending all of his income these days for purchases, but say he does. He would have to pay \$30 sales tax for a saving of \$45 per year. Why a real property owner should vote against the tax is beyond comprehension if he is looking to his own welfare.

Even if it be true that the sales tax is an attempt of the "big" fellow to saddle government expense on the "little" fellow the average farmer of Sherman county would be for it. For one who owns much wheat land qualifies as a capitalist just as if he owned the same value in railroad bonds or stocks.

The main advantage that may come from the passage of a sales tax bill will be that of taking the first step toward breaking up the tax system that make property liable for all government debts and expenses. The income tax has tended toward this direction but has proven so undependable in depression periods that it cannot be relied on entirely. Some other crop than real property must be found for government spending or property will all fall into the hands of the state and counties. That will be a condition of real old school socialism, a condition that few persons wish to see.

**TAKE THE CASH, LET THE LIBERTY GO**

What a life! Here in the land of the free and the home of the brave, the land of the people who fought for liberty and recently cast aside the amendment that supposedly interfered with personal liberty the CWA workers are fired for spending their money for drink, the merchants are forced to pay wages according to a government scale, gold owners are ordered to pungle over their bright metal and growers of wheat and hogs are encouraged to reduce their crops. Further more the man who proclaims all these is the most popular gent we have heard of for many a day.

History books told us that the Americans were a bold and liberty loving people who would brook no interference with their rights. They demanded liberty and freedom before anything else. Later some suspicion arose because some unpatriotic gentlemen said that the real reason we wanted freedom in the first place was because it was more profitable. Time has proven their point. We give up our freedom cheerfully if it brings us more money.

Maybe some honest person will write a history book for our grandchildren that will teach that the Americans like all other peoples have been led by the profit motive; that they demand freedom when it is profitable and are meek when meekness pays.

Report has it that the helpful Cornelia, wife of Representative Walter, draws a salary of \$3350 per annum. In these democratic days that's a lot of money for a republican.

It probably shows a spirit that will be popular to make a larger tax on delinquent nations' imports, but how in heck are they going to make money enough to pay up if we won't buy?

It used to be recreation to make puns on the intitled government agencies, but since they have become so numerous it is merely work.

This is one of the years we wrangle about who is responsible for the popular and unpopular acts of the past legislature, congress and administration.

Congratulations, Heppner. May Sherman county be the next place to attract a banking house.

It seems that there is a hole in the HOLC here in Oregon.

**Review of Week's Events**

Observers had expected that the president in his budget message to congress would ask for more funds for the many and varied activities in which the government is engaged but few anticipated that he would ask for \$10,000,000,000. Nevertheless he did.

He estimated that the paid out columns of government figures would be larger than the income column by \$7,000,000,000. No increase in income taxes are contemplated as the government hopes to get the needed funds by borrowing.

Germany under Hitler is to try an experiment that other nations have contemplated but have hesitated to put into effect. That is the sterilization of the pronounced unfit. It is estimated that 400,000 persons in Germany are not proper parents for the next generation of Germans and after a hearing before two doctors and one judge they will be sterilized.

The PWA has approved the Oregon coast bridges that have been before them for the past six months. There are five of them and they will be built to fill in water gaps in the Oregon Coast Highway. The cost will be above \$5,000,000. Oregon's part of this cost will be repaid by charging toll on the bridges until it is repaid.

The Oregon liquor commission have finally selected an administrator in George Sammis formerly of the Sun-set Electric company of Portland. Until the Knox act is approved by the state supreme court the commission will not appoint any representatives to sell liquor in the state and even then will not have as many representatives as job hunters had hoped. George Neuner will be attorney for the commission.

The statement of Secretary of State Hull before the congress of South American states held in Montevideo that no nation need feel alarmed about the United States warring on them was designed to give a feeling of confidence to our South American neighbors. There was one thing that kept it from being a complete diplomatic success: Many of the central American nations do not seem to have believed it at all.

Convening of the new congress has not been as newsy an item as it was thought. Except for the big reception given the president on his two appearances before the senators and representatives there has been nothing dramatic. It is now thought that the congressmen will do the bidding of the president with only a small minority breaking over the traces with ideas of their own. The fact that the president is popular and that elections are coming up this year will probably keep the tongues of representatives stilled. At least that is the observation of those writing from Washington.

It was announced in Washington that for 1934 none but American corned beef would be sent to CCC camps. Last year there was a long and heated controversy about the consumption of South American corned beef by forestry workers. The Blue Mountain Eagle of Canyon City, Oregon, started the argument about American workers, working in a cattle country being fed on imported beef.

It is possible that the bus and truck bill as amended by the special session last December will be on the ballot in May for repeal as a group of disgruntled truck owners are trying to procure enough signers to have it brought to a vote.

Six United States Navy planes left San Francisco Wednesday on a flight or attempted flight to Honolulu. Ships are posted along the course to pick up any that fail to make the trip.

**Grass Valley**

Jacob Wassenmiller is home again from the upper John Day country where he has been mining this winter.

Frank Henderson and Bill Cifre of the International Harvester Co., were here Tuesday arranging for a tractor school to be held in Moro next week.

George Wilcox and A. A. Dunlap and wife drove to Portland Tuesday morning to see about CWA work and to be present at the annual banquet of an insurance company. George returned early Wednesday morning.

Boyce Blaylock used the marriage license issued to him and Miss Elizabeth Jones last week and was married Friday.

Dick Abel, warehouseman of Kent, spent part of the day here this week.

George Barnett of The Dalles was transacting business here the first of the week.

Herman Peters and family have returned from a visit to the home of Frank Wilcox at Newberg.

Glen King has a horse with some aching bones since it got in the way of the light company truck as it was flying to the fire here Sunday night.

Allie Leonard has returned to Sherman county after spending some weeks in the neighborhood of Tygh Valley.

Miss Cassie Holmes is resting at home again having been tending to the sick for several weeks.

Mrs. Gertrude Van Metre and children are visiting Mrs. Van Metre's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Eakin.

Mrs. Glen Fairchild has returned from Seattle where she spent a couple of week visiting relatives.

**GRASS VALLEY SCHOOL NOTES**  
 Norma Garrett

The Grass Valley Tigers scored high in their first game of the season with Maupin. The score was 33 to

22. In favor of the Tigers. The Tiger quintet, largely composed of freshmen has started the season of basketball with a bang. We hope they keep it up!

Rufus will visit Grass Valley, Friday night to play the first basketball game of the season. The game will be a double header as both boys and girls are competing.

The Sexette of Tigerettes have been working fast and furious in order to win the game Friday night as have their co-workers the Tiger quintet.

Kenneth Todd, a Senior, has just arrived home from The Dalles where he has recently undergone an appendicitis operation.

The Christmas vacation has evidently helped the initiative of many of the students as everyone is delving deep into their books with renewed energy. But after all, why should n't they—with a newly painted high school in which to study and spend their leisure moments.

During the Christmas holidays great changes were made in the various high school rooms. The walls and ceilings were re-painted cream and light buff, which gives the rooms a much more cheerful appearance, even when you are flunking your exams.

William Brinkert and Donald Cox both former students of Grass Valley high school, visited various classes this week.

The High School Glee Club is practicing on an operetta entitled "Ask the Professor." Miss Rhinehart and Mr. Davies are selecting the leading and minor parts.

The debators are conferring regularly and are gathering together a great quantity of excellent material

for their use in future debates. All we hear is Honorable Judges! Ladies and Gentlemen, etc!

Ellen Cox is ill this week. We are hoping for her immediate recovery. Not only because she is a fellow student but as she is one of our best basketball players.

The Junior class received their High School rings and pins. Quite a number of the class ordered them, and they are well pleased with the quality of their new jewelry.

The upper classmen are organizing a new Literary Club. Only those students who are especially interested in literature are invited to join. At present there are seven members. The idea is to better literary knowledge of those who care to work in the field of English literature.

Kenneth Todd—Editor.  
 The basketball games with Rufus held last Friday night at the Grass Valley gym were only partly successful for the home teams. The girls, who played first, played a losing game for the first half but made a supreme effort in the last half and came out ahead; the final score being 18 to 11 in favor of the home girls. The girls played a fast, efficient game as a whole and made a very good showing in that it was their first game of the season. In spite of the fact that the boys played a very hard and fast game the Rufus team battled them to a loss of 8 points, the final score being 20 to 12 for the Rufus five.

All kinds of odorous smells are dominating the school rooms these days as the painters are still busy painting and kalsomining the walls and woodwork. The gymnasium has been finished and is much more attractive than before and the new buff color applied to the inside of the high school rooms is very resting to the eyes and a very welcome change.

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