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COMPARATIVE FAIRNESS

There is much being said about the unfairness of the sales tax. We cheerfully admit that it is nearly all true. A halo awaits the man, woman or child who can and will devise a tax that will be absolutely fair, perfectly equitable and sufficiently remunerative to finance all phases of government. Put the brain trust to work on that one.

The property tax is unfair. The income tax is insufficient in times of depression. The inheritance tax brings in little money when estates have low inventories. The excess profits tax looks like a good supplementary tax but we could hardly expect to raise all our expenses off those who make excess profits. None is perfect.

The proponents of the sales tax are not trying to persuade the people that it is perfect. They are largely property owners who want non-property owners to pay part of the school expenses. Property owners will be helped proportionately more than non-property owners for some small holders of real estate will have to pay more on the sales tax as they will save in property tax.

Income tax laws are not based on ability to pay. Ownership of property does not guarantee income, either gross or net. Landowners are relieved from a part of their taxes or they will pay taxes entirely. The trouble with a large part of tax legislation is that every new tax is judged by the ideal tax system which it is to supplant in part. The vote on the sales tax will determine whether people think it is fairer for the man who earns \$900 to pay \$9 for taxes or fairer for the farmer who produces \$600 worth of wheat to pay half of it for taxes.

4-H CLUBBERS

The commercial club should have learned a lesson Tuesday night. For years it has struggled along with small membership, usually small meetings. Topics have ranged from taxes, roads, scenic resources and occasional talks by prominent men. Tuesday night in tribute to the 4H club children a record crowd was out. What the club needs to do is to plan to encourage the next generation if it wants large meetings.

The boys and girls did well, too, and most of them delivered their talks with more brevity and with less show of nervousness than do the elders. Perhaps one of the secondary benefits of club work is the development of this ability to speak before a crowd, perhaps another advantage gained is confidence in their knowledge.

Anyway it was an illuminating experience to those who are wont to criticize the rising generation as a bunch of flippant youths and maidens without an idea in their heads. Some organization should be fostered that would give them added opportunities to express themselves. Maybe they have ideas on other subjects that are worthwhile.

In December we feared January weather, in January we talked of a cold February, in February we think March will be cold and windy. We constantly torment ourselves with unpleasant things even if they don't come.

Liquor price reductionists now have the president on their side. Why not let the producer of grain make it into whiskey thus reducing the liquor price and raising farm income?

Swedish prince Sigvard evidently thinks it more pleasant to have a blonde on the arm than a crown on the head.

Judging from the price of eggs we presume there are a lot of unpatriotic hens hereabouts.

They hope to turn the old postoffice building site in Portland into a theatre location. It is fitting. The best shows in town were to be seen about the old building.

It might be expected that congress would vote to end the pay cuts with everybody else getting higher pay.

We wonder Will the wheat growers themselves get any of that \$300,000 refund recently ordered by the utility commissioner?

A newspaper publisher evaded two thugs bent on kidnapping him. He probably had to get back to put out the next edition and couldn't be bothered.

NRA Invites Criticism, says a headline. Was that necessary.

People's Column

To the Editor of the Journal:

Was greatly pleased with your editorial of last week relative to the desirability of tree planting over Sherman county at this time. I am sure that if our good people generally could be brought to a full realization of the multitudinous benefits and pleasures that adaptable trees, rightly placed about their homes and farms, would surely bring them, they would avail themselves of the excellent seedling stock that our State Nursery at Corvallis now has for distribution to farmers. These seedlings, after being set and cultivated in farm nurseries, corn fashion, for one to three years, are far superior to any young tree that one can possibly pick up about the country. And we need trees about our dry land farms so much, (1) for beautification, (2) for windbreaks for gardens, livestock and home grounds generally and (3) for growing fence posts and fuel.

One should not be discouraged over the poor showing that the old timber cultures made in the county, because these were oftentimes of ill adapted varieties and not many of them received proper care. It is surprising how wonderfully well adapted kinds of trees will do here, when given any kind of a chance against weeds and hard ground. And but very little work or other care is required to get good results with the right kinds. The Black Locust is recommended for growing posts and fuel and the Russian Olive and Ponderosa Pine for shade and ornamentation. The Chinese Elm is desirable, but not available this year, due to beetles that have infested the seedlings of it the last year or so in the nursery.

Nothing could give me more pleasure than to see every farmer in the county setting out in a favorable location about his place 400 to 1000 of these lovely seedlings, which are now available at the Oregon State Nursery at Corvallis. The Nursery gladly mails out upon request to farmers the Board of Forestry Bulletin No. 3 (Revised), which describes adaptable trees and gives planting and cultural directions.

Hardly any of us realize the seriousness of erosion over Sherman and adjoining counties. Here we have both water and wind sheet removal of our fine soils. The loss from these is greater by far than is the drain on the soil from crop reduction. It is indeed like a thief in the night and the sooner we shall realize the seriousness of it and set about employing preventative measures against it the better it will be for all of us. Wisely directed plantings of trees and seedlings of crested wheat grass will likely constitute our best weapon against this great and constantly working rogue, which we must sooner or later combat, in order to save our productive soil.

Yours for more trees and a more attractive and better home county, James B. Adams.

February 19th, '34.

Review of Week's Events

The army was called upon to fly the mail with the cancellation of all contracts between the government and the private air companies that have been carrying mail for several years. In the eastern part of the United States a bad storm kept army fliers on the ground and in the west two men were killed the first day. Army planes are not of the same type as is used in mail flying and they are not as fully equipped for night flying so it may be some time before they can operate on the same schedules as formerly. The routes have been cut and the routes have been cut.

The wrangle still goes on about the advisability and the legality of the presidents action in canceling these contracts. No doubt the companies holding the contracts profited to a great extent but how much was due to graft and intentionally favorable contracts has not been determined. It may remain a matter of opinion.

The king of Belgium, Albert I, was killed Saturday evening while he was climbing along a rocky crag in the southern part of his country. A frozen bit of rock gave away with him and he fell 36 feet to a ledge of rock killing him almost instantly. Albert was one of the best loved men of Europe, even in this day kings as a class are unpopular and when many had been overthrown he had retained his hold on his people. His bravery in war time and his kindness in peace endeared him to

the Belgians and others who knew him.

He was succeeded by his son, Leopold III, who was crowned Leopold III. The new king was married several years ago to Princess Astrid of Sweden and has two children.

Over in Sweden the king became angry at his grandson's determination to marry a commoner and ordered the young man into outer darkness as far as the royal house was concerned. Prince Sigvard has been working in a Berlin movie colony and became enamored with an actress. Just a little over a hundred years ago the Swedish royal house was established by one Bernadette, a French soldier who was sent to Sweden by Napoleon.

Another of the bad storms that have made the east and middle west miserable all winter swept over that area this week killing more than 20 persons and burying cities in snowbanks. Thains were stopped, communications broken and schools closed as the mercury dropped below zero in what was called the worst storm for almost fifty years.

The house of representatives is determined to vote on payment of adjusted compensation to ex-soldiers. A petition has been signed by enough legislators to make a vote certain. Speaker Rainey informed reporters that the president would veto any such legislation at this time holding it improper under the circumstances. Those who look at things from a political angle believe it to be a move to make representatives better candidates this fall. The senate is not expected to pass the measure and it is doubtful if enough could be found to override the executive veto in any case.

Former postmaster general Brown is giving testimony before the senate committee about the mail contracts that were recently cancelled. His story of the proceedings is that the companies who were thought able to make the largest contribution to the air line industry were given the con-

tracts. Those most willing to experiment with new types of planes were picked. There is some belief that the contracts will be put in force again within a short time.

Horace Manning, attorney of Klamath Falls, was indicted for first degree murder Wednesday for the shooting of Ralph Horan who was killed in Manning's office February 12 after an apparent quarrel.

CWA work throughout the United States suffered drastic curtailment this week when, after a period of indecision on the part of those in charge it was decided to continue it until May 1 but to start reducing forces immediately. Hours of labor will be left at 24 for cities and 15 per week for rural areas. It is rumored that some time in March the rate of pay will be cut from a minimum of .45 cents to 30 cents per hour. The money that was appropriated by congress for emergency work will be used for direct relief to a large extent instead of CWA work.

Grass Valley

Mrs. Clifford Rowe returned from a visit to her parents in Idaho Saturday. The Rowes expect to move into the Mrs. Ruggles house soon.

Mrs. Charles Chamberlain was here from Portland over the weekend returning to Portland Monday. Matt Simon accompanied her.

Trapper Stone is trapping coyotes this winter instead of poisoning them as is the usual procedure in the cold months. Reason: the months have not been cold.

Art Bibby is putting a lunch counter in his place of business and plans to partition off the pool and card rooms from the front of the place.

George Wilcox, CWA administrator for the county, was in Wasco Tuesday to attend a meeting of the committee. A. A. Dunlap accompanied him.

Durward Helyer, Norma Garrett and Glendora Garrett made a trip to Mt. Adams Sunday.

The liquor stock arrived in town Tuesday morning and accidentally a case was dropped flooding a part of the town with an unmistakable odor reminiscent of other days.

L. R. French and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. B. F. Medler in Wasco Tuesday afternoon.

Kent News

American Legion Auxiliary gave a card party Saturday night at the hall which was well attended there being sixteen tables of players. A number came from Moro and Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Dell Eakin of Grass Valley were business visitors at Kent Monday morning.

Alta Norton spent the week end in The Dalles with Winifred Vogel.

Robert Schilling had the misfortune to wreck his car Saturday night while coming home from a Harland-ville grange program with four other

occupants in the car. All escaped with minor injuries. The car was said to be a total wreck.

J. C. Wilson and Volna Guyton were business visitors in Moro Wednesday.

George Wilson is driving a new Chevrolet truck nowadays.

George Witter went to Moro Wednesday to do some plumbing for W. W. Knighten.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson were all day guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Frank von Borstell. The event being Mr. Wilson's and Junior von Borstels birthday anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. U. Leonard of Hood River were business visitors in Kent Sunday spending the night at the J. C. Wilson home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Dellinger went to Portland Tuesday, where Mr. Dellinger attended a railroad employees meeting. They returned home Thursday.

Mrs. G. L. Barnett, Mrs. J. L. Matthes, Mrs. Carl Schadewitz and Mrs. J. M. Wilson motored to Moro Tuesday to be present at a birthday party given in honor of Mrs. Barnett's mother, Mrs. Emma Schadewitz.

W. G. Helyer left for Portland last Monday morning to receive medical treatment.

The days set for the hog reduction meetings here are February 22, 23 and 24, at the grange hall.

KENT SCHOOL NOTES

Margaret Dunlap, Editor.

A double victory was added to our favor Friday night when Wasco was defeated on our floor. The girls managed to hold the lead through the entire game and ended it up with the lead of 12-9. The boys won by a wider margin, their score was 29 to 11.

Moro will play here this Friday. After the game the Senior girls are sponsoring a dance at the grange hall. It is public and there will be no admission fee.

The Senior class have selected their play. It is entitled "Listen to Leon." They say that it's a "dinger."

The Washington's birthday program was given Wednesday night. The Liberty school put on part of the program.

The Christian Endeavor has announced an entertainment and a basket social on the night of March 3 at the grange hall.

Mr. Stephens of Moro will be at grange Saturday night during the Lecture hours to show slide pictures of Washington, D. C. There will be a social hour afterward with dancing and supper.

Advertisement for Vacuum Cleaners. Features Renu-A-Lite (\$1.95), Pin-it-Up Lamp (\$1.65), Waffle Iron (\$6.50), and Premier Duplex (\$59.50) and Spic-Span (\$17.00). Includes images of the products and promotional text.



Helen Madison of Seattle, former swimming star who entered the movies, is seen here at the Roney Plaza Cabana club in Miami Beach, Fla., all dressed up in one of the new rubber swim suits.

Advertisement for Union Pacific Rail Fares. Promotes '2¢ A Mile for One-Way Trips' and '10% Off for Round Trips'. Includes the Union Pacific logo and text about comfortable coaches and sleeping cars.

Advertisement for H. Zeigler's Quality Store. Promotes 'Dependable Merchandise' and 'Our large stock of Dry Goods and Clothing'. Located in Grass Valley, Oregon.