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**TAX BILL**

The tax limitation bill that would restrict the levying of taxes on real property to 20 mills exclusive of debt and interest payment taxes, is stirring things up in this state. Washington has such a law but is a little more generous in its requirements.

Opponents contend that it is impossible to carry on our many phases of government on the amount of money which could be raised so low a levy and it is true that we couldn't carry on so much government as we do at present. We believe that the bill starts with too low a millage rate and that it would reduce governmental activities too rapidly for safety. We also believe that some such a measure is going to be necessary if the property tax payer is to be relieved from his excessive burdens.

The purpose of this bill, it appears, is to force some other form of taxation on the state in order to raise a part of the money needed for government. This must be done; the property owner cannot continue to carry the entire burden. There would be less demand for new governmental functions and excessive governmental spendings if every citizen of the state and nation knew that he or she was going to pay a just part of the resulting taxes. Our taxation system is largely derived from the era when all valuable possessions were land or tangible things and it does not fit present conditions as stocks, salaries, bonds, and other intangible assets make up the larger part of wealth.

We need stronger income and inheritance taxes to remove a part of the burden from real property owners. It should not be necessary to adopt such measures as the tax limitation bill in order to bring about the change in tax methods, but it will eventually carry unless there is reform in taxation. Farmers cannot be expected to pay out a third to a half of their income for taxes while other citizens who receive as much from the state pay from nothing to ten per cent.

**EVOLUTION**

The election of Arthur Priaulx as state chairman of the Republican party in Oregon is one of the best indications that a change in ideas is being made politically, especially by members of that party. It is true that younger men are rapidly taking charge of both political parties during the present crisis and it shows the strength of our own form of government. It is also true that new blood, new ideas must be brought in to any organization to keep it in tune with the times and that this can happen to our political groups with harmony is indicative that our system of government is sound and will continue despite contentions that it is outmoded and outgrown.

The plan for a state operated hiring hall for longshoremen sounds so simple and so workable that some one should have thought of it before. While it will necessarily be temporary to last only until the workers and the employers settle their differences and make arrangements to do it themselves, it should be a means of bringing men to work again.

The slaying of Austrians in high places seems to be dangerous to world peace. It was the murder of an Austrian prince that was blamed for starting the world war, now the death of an Austrian chancellor causes mobilization of troops. Dictator theory in Europe must be that in order to protect the country we kill the people for that is what a war will result in doing.

Reading the statement of Dr. Elwood Mead who says that the drouth area comprising a large part of several states must be abandoned as farm land might lead to the belief that the purported remarks of Daniel Webster ancient the value of the west were correct after all. Maybe it is too bad we killed off all the Indians with our diseases and our whiskey and all the buffalo with our guns. At least they enjoyed the country and used it for years without starving.

The Dalles is going after the 1935 Legion convention with the slogan "Hi, pals! The Dalles, in '35. Why not, 'Come here, drink beer, never fear, your dear". It would be convenient for legionnaires in this country to have a convention close at hand, maybe some of them could win a couple of battles if they renewed acquaintance with their old buddies

In the middle west they have colder winters, hotter summers, more drouth, more floods and more population. Page Mr. Ripley.

One who listens to an ardent administration Democrat may be pardoned for wondering how the country got out of depressions before Roosevelt was born.

**Grass Valley**

Natalia Wassenmiller is here with her parents this week while on a vacation from her work in Portland.

L. D. Pike is in Hermiston this week watching the alfalfa grow and the melons stretch on his ranch there.

Lucia Hammer, a niece of Mrs. Peter Peters left this week for her home at St. Helens after visiting here for a couple of weeks.

Clifford Rowe returned to the city Tuesday afternoon from Idaho where he has been spending his summer vacation, putting up 500 tons of alfalfa hay and disporting himself in literary pursuits.

Ray Blake will handle all allotment records from the elevator office for the present due to the press of work there now.

Herb Decker, of the Farmer's National warehousing corporation was a visitor at the local elevator Tuesday afternoon.

George Wilcox and wife made another trip to Newberg Monday with junior who is showing constant improvement under the treatment he is receiving.

Harvest Ball at Wasco, August 4th with Taylor's five piece orchestra playing. Everybody come.

Glendora Garrett, who has been working in Zeigler's store for a few weeks left Thursday for Moro to help in the county school superintendent's office.

**Kent News**

Durward Helyer left Monday morning for Waverly, Wash. to work for his uncle I. E. Wilson during harvest there.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Strong of The Dalles were over night visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luther Davis Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adams of Hood River were business visitors at Kent Tuesday.

State policemen Hollenbeck of The Dalles was at Kent Thursday morning on business.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Nelson of The Dalles were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max Plumke Saturday.

George Witter and Arthur Johnson made a trip to Bend Monday to look after well drilling interests there.

Kent Grange No. 688 will hold its next regular session Saturday evening July 28.

Mrs. Lydia Darby and daughter Lorraine, and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Darby's mother, of Wasco were visiting at the home of Mrs. Iona Davis Sunday afternoon.

Callers at the home of Mrs. J. C. Wilson Wednesday were Mrs. Ida Davis, Mrs. Dick Reckmann, jr. and infant daughter, Mrs. Camelia Smith, Mrs. Alfred Lyons and Mrs. J. L. Mathes the occasion being Mrs. Smith's birthday anniversary.

Mrs. R. P. Barnett and Mrs. J. L. Mathes were shopping in The Dalles Thursday.

**Picnic Plans**

No activity is more conducive to food fellowship and healthful recreation than a picnic, and almost any Oregon community can profit from at least one community picnic during the summer, says Miss Gertrude Skow, home demonstration agent at large, and author of a monthly recreation bulletin issued by the home economics division of the Oregon Extension service. The most recent of these publications which is free on request contains suggested programs, planning details, games and other entertainment features helpful to those in charge of a community picnic or for a smaller group.

For an all-day community outing, Miss Skow suggests the following order of events: Entertainment for the early arrivals, games before dinner, dinner, community singing, address, mixed games and contests. It is usually best she says, for the one in charge to appoint committees to care for entertainment, refreshments, attendance, grounds, cleanup, and probably another to be responsible for the entire program of the day.

A band or an orchestra is always enjoyed if available, but lengthy speaking or literary programs are to be avoided. It is well to plan or the entertainment and supervision of younger children, including a sand box, if possible with cups and dishes and some one to teach them singing and games.

**World Wheat**

Complete information is not yet available as to the measures to

**She Grew Tired of Women's Work**



Here is New York's first woman truck driver at the wheel of her vehicle. She is Miss Ann Middleton of Washington, D. C., who became tired of women's work about the home, and swung to the opposite extreme.

apply during the 1934-35 crop year. Germany, effective July 1, has placed the German minister of agriculture in full control of all the grain trade, including handling, processing, fixing prices terms of sale and compulsory delivery of grain by farmers. The high tariff of \$2.61 per bushel is still effective on general imports for domestic consumption. A decree of May 30, 1934, prolonged for one year, or from August 1 1934 to July 31, 1935, operations of the export certificate system by which certain feed grains may be imported duty free against export certificates for wheat. France recently authorized the exportation of 4,000,000 bushels of wheat with an export

50,000,000 bushels under those of the 1933-34 crop year. In past seasons however crop deficits have not been fully counterbalanced by increased imports. Economics in the matter of long-milling or higher percentage flour extraction, substitution of other flours for wheat, or increased consumption of potatoes and other food stuffs have partially offset smaller supplies of bread, however, total supplies may be

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