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SALES TAX FOR PENSIONS

On the last day of January the people will decide whether or not they wish to pay a sales tax for old age pensions or not. This opportunity was given because of laws enacted at the special session that reduced the age limit for old age assistance from 70 to 65 to conform with the federal law.

Under the bill proposed there will be exemptions for the principal foods including bread, meat, vegetables, fruits and milk. Sales of less than fifty dollars per month are also exempted as are gasoline sales.

There was no thought among the majority members of the legislature of forcing a sales tax on the people. It would not have carried without the referendum feature giving the people a choice. It was felt that some SURE means of providing for old age assistance should be provided now instead of waiting for some future date and some of the less practical plans.

Relief for the aged will be available in the spring if this bill is given a majority. No other method promises aid so quickly. There are, it is true, many serious objections to a sales tax.

If the people feel that its objections are greater than the advantages that would come from its use for the purposes specified it will be defeated. It is the people's choice; they have a decision to make.

EQUAL REPRESENTATION

An attempt was made at Salem to make it mandatory that each of the appointing powers, the governor, the speaker of the house and the president of the senate, appoint one of their three members of the capitol building committee from each congressional district. It failed in the committee of the house. Still, it is not too late for the three men to recognize the political divisions of the state.

It was argued that every citizen in the state would be interested in the building of the capitol and that the geographical location of the members of the committee would be of no consequence. Also it was said that if any large number of the building committee came from distant parts of the state the expense would be higher than if they were drawn from nearer to Salem and Portland.

The arguments offered against geographical distribution of the committeemen do not seem to be sound. Eastern and southern Oregon citizens should have representation on the board equally with those from the more settled sections of the state. The governor, the president of the senate and the speaker of the house should consider the advisability of this before making their selections even if the law does not make it mandatory.

Sherman countians now have an opportunity to demonstrate the words of the poem, "Out Where the West Begins" that is quoted by westerners who wish to impress others and by others who wish to impress westerners. CCC boys from far-off Massachusetts are here, most of them young, and most of them homesick or on the verge of it. They have already noted the willingness of Sherman countians to pick them up when on the road and they like it. They are, as they should be, curious about us, about our country, our state; they want to know how we do things and why we do them. Opportunity will be given to all local men to tell about his particular knowledge of the country in all probability and citizens should be willing to aid in satisfying this thirst for information on the part of youngsters.

If no laws were constitutional but those that were read carefully by sections before being passed by the legislature the statute books would be a darn site thinner. The clerk read more of the capitol bill than he did of any other during the special session.

Br-r-r-r, they now picture hockey players on the sport pages. We hope it won't seem long until they show some baseball players.

Oregon may eventually become as famous as California if it continues to have such "unusual" weather as residents have experienced in the past ten days.

New arrangement of forces in the Eastern Oregon Wheat League should result in better and more information being given to those who will attend.

A Los Angeles woman will receive \$950 per month alimony after she had asked for \$2000. And some people wonder why we have agitators.

STATEHOUSE GOSSIP

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est on delinquent taxes contingent upon the payment of current levies is expected to encourage payment of past due levies and reduce the delinquencies materially during 1936.

Three questions will confront the voters of Oregon at the special election January 31. In addition to the sales tax for financing old age pensions there will be on the ballot the proposal to change the date of the primary elections from May to September and a proposed constitutional amendment which would permit the legislators to fix their own pay.

The proposed sales tax is estimated to raise between \$3,500,000 and \$4,000,000 annually. It would levy a tax of two per cent upon all retail sales except fresh fruits, butter, milk, eggs, meat and fish, and a tax of one-fourth of one per cent on wholesale sales. The tax would be paid by the dealer upon gross sales each month but would be passed on to the consumer through added cost.

Of a total of 174 bills introduced during the special session—all of them representing real emergencies in the opinion of their sponsors—73 made the circuit of the two branches. A number of these however, will doubtless be vetoed by Governor Martin. Considerable interest attaches to the fate of H. B. 71, the unemployment insurance measure, and H. B. 60, the new agricultural marketing agreement act, both of which were declared to be unconstitutional by their opponents in the House and Senate. Governor Martin is expected to be guided largely by the advice of Ralph Moody, assistant attorney general, in his attitude toward measures where the question of constitutionality is involved. Moody acted as the Governor's legal advisor during the session and was probably the busiest man around the legislative chambers, not only writing most of the important bills, but analyzing and interpreting most of the others to the committees which had them in charge.

The special session was one of the most expensive in the history of the state. The last 20 day session cost the tax payers approximately \$42,000. A total of \$60,000 was authorized for the session just ended but not all of this will be used. The exact cost will not be known until the bills are in, including those for printing the house and senate journals and the session laws.

In Other Days

From the Observer Nov. 16, 1906. Kent Recorder: Two brothers of Mr. Gates who have been visiting here for several days, left last week for a visit with a sister living at Thornton.

Shaniko Republic. C. P. Ragsdale purchased 2500 head of lambs this week from the Black Butte company at Sisters. The price paid was \$2.75 per head, delivered at Shaniko.

Grass Valley Journal: Mrs. A. B. Lemon has returned to her home at Monroe, Benton county, after a pleasant visit with her son, I. N. Lemon, and family.

An 18 year old son of Sherman Huff, of John Day river settlement, was brought into Moro Sunday for medical treatment for a badly wounded hand, shot by the accidental discharge of a gun.

Anson Woods of Umatilla county is spending his annual vacation in Sherman county.

From the Observer Nov. 17, 1916. Perry Strong was a visitor this week at the H. W. Strong farm north of Moro. Perry has leased his land at the Wilcox station to Mr. Gillmour, and will spend the winter in The Dalles.

The cold snap of Saturday and Sunday nights just about reached zero. Several gas engines and automobiles went through the freeze with disastrous results.

Miss Ida Belle Urquhart returned from Cheney, where she has been attending Washington State college. She expects to resume her studies after the Christmas holidays.

G. W. Hansell and F. A. Sayrs and families left this week for Long Beach, California, where they will spend the winter.

W. C. Miller and family left this week for a visit with the old folks at home, back in North Carolina, where they will spend the winter.

POOR KITTY
Mrs. Newlywed—"Book, boo. The cat went and ate the nice dinner I prepared for you."
Mr. Newlywed—"There, there, darling! I'll buy you another cat!"

Our old friend Rastus was in trouble again, and the sheriff asked him if he were guilty or not guilty.

"Guilty, suh, I think," replied Rastus, "but I'd better be tried to make sure of it."

Mr. Weed—"If you lost me, you'd have to beg for money."
Mrs. Weed—"Well, it would come natural at that."

Kent Grange Meets In Regular Session

Newlyweds Visit In Hood River With Relatives

Kent Grange No. 688 held its regular meeting Saturday evening, November 9, with about twenty members present. After grange was dismissed a miscellaneous surprise shower was given for Mrs. John Decker, a recent bride, who was the recipient of many beautiful and useful gifts. Those from out of town attending were Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Woods of Shaniko, John and Millard Howell of Vancouver, Washington, Hazel Decker of Portland, Mrs. Vera Young of Troutdale, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Schadewitz of Moro, and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckmann, and John Reckman of Grass Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. John Decker were in Hood River Friday, getting fruit and they were accompanied home by Miss Hazel Decker of Portland who spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Decker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson took their daughter Nellie to the Mid-Columbia hospital in The Dalles Wednesday, where she underwent an operation for appendicitis.

A large number of Kent people attended the show in Grass Valley Thursday evening.

Alta Norton left Friday afternoon for Portland where she will resume her studies at the Northwestern School of Commerce.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Adams and son Connie of Hood River were visitors at the J. L. Davis home Friday.

The Kent grangers are sponsoring a box social and dance for Saturday evening, November 16.

replied the father.
"Mother—The wealth of the United States is now estimated to be \$195,000,000,000.
"Less—Well, those nine zeros represent my share."

Mother—James Elphalest, what do you mean by teaching that parrot such bad words?
James Elphalest—I was only teaching him what he mustn't say, mom.

WHEAT SITUATION

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600,000 bushels. United Kingdom port stocks were less than half those of last season and totaled around 6,000,000 bushels and Continental port stocks were correspondingly reduced. Stocks in deficit areas of Europe are likely 100,000,000 bushels below those of a year ago. Supplies of wheat available for export from the Lower Danube countries are somewhat larger than last season and continued heavy offerings from Russia suggest larger supplies in that country.

To be certified for work under the WPA all relief clients must have been on the state's relief rolls prior to November 1, according to information sent out Friday by the state relief committee to all county committee chairmen to advise to this effect from Washington.

The committee advises, however, that if a man or woman, who was on relief a few months or a year ago, and due to seasonal or other employment has been compelled to seek relief again, they may make new applications and be carried, after investigation is made of their cases, for work on the WPA.

With a total of 17,000 caseload in September, officials of the relief committee in the thirty-six counties of the state estimate that the October records will show a decided falling off, due to the fact that the WPA has taken thousands from the relief rolls of Oregon and it is expected that all relief men or women who are employable will be placed on WPA before the first of the year.

ALMANAC

How about that 10%? You borrowed? Next month maybe

He who is too quick at borrowing is always too slow at paying.

NOVEMBER
12—Montreal surrenders to U. S. General Montgomery, 1775.

13—Robert Louis Stevenson, author, born 1850.

14—World's first horse cars appear in New York, 1832.

15—First Indian Church opened, Natick, Mass., 1600.

16—U. S. resumes relations with Soviet Russia, 1925.

17—First chop suey is concocted in United States, 1894.

18—Beachy does first loop in airplane, 1913.

ECUADOR'S NEW HEAD



When Jose M. Velasco Barra, president of Ecuador, tried to set up a dictatorship there was quick revolt and he was ousted. Antonio Pons, shown above, was then made provisional president of the republic. He formerly was premier.

Better Homes and Gardens Planned

Modern home with garden, cow and chickens to supplement low incomes provided for sixty families.

Does the ideal American life for part-time and low-income industrial families involve a modern home with a garden, cow and chickens to supplement the family larder? The Resettlement Administration has just completed 60 such homesteads at Longview, Washington, and the buzz of enthusiasm emanating from the 60 families and 119 children occupying their new homes indicate deep satisfaction with the plan.

"Mamma danced all around, she was so happy," said one of the children. One of the mothers commented that she wanted to rear the children where they have fresh air, plenty of milk, fresh eggs and vegetables, and some chores to keep them out of mischief. A father commented, "If I were building an ideal home for our family, I would use the same plan that we have here."

Each home site includes a modern four to six room house, garage combination cow and chicken house an average of about three acres of cleared land, and a number of varieties of newly planted fruit trees and berry bushes. Temporary occupancy agreements average between \$13 and \$16 a month. A cow and 25 chickens is included in the agreement.

Yearly income of the 60 families ranges from \$600 to not more than \$1200 a year. Most of the men are employed in lumber mills and

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other industrial plants around Longview. "We want a place where I can work after hours and during the slack season," said a mill worker. A longshoreman declared, "My work is seasonal and I want to put in my spare time on my own place and raise part of our food so we have plenty to can for the winter."

Longview, the planned city, is proud of the homesteads and is already requesting expansion of the project to care for the hundreds of families who had to be turned away.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale of Real Property

On Saturday, the 23rd day of November, 1935 at the hour of ten o'clock a. m. at the front door of the Courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following described real property located in Sherman County, Oregon, to-wit:

The Southeast quarter (1/4) of Section twenty (20), Township one (1) South, Range seventeen (17) East, Willamette Meridian, a distance of nine hundred fifty (950) feet to the place of beginning, containing nineteen and thirty-five one-hundredths (19.35) acres, excluding old right of way. Also, excepting the right of way of the present Lone Rock Market Road, containing one and seventy one-hundredths (1.70) acres, more or less, all in the county of Sherman, State of Oregon.

Said sale is made under execution issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman to me directed in the case of State of Oregon, Represented and Acting by the World War Veterans' State Aid Commission, plaintiff, vs. Omer H. Hulse and Lula M. Hulse, also known as Lula M. Hulse, husband and wife; Lenora M. Hulse; Lewis McKee and Horace McKee, copartners doing business under the firm name of McKee Brothers, Defendants.

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C. V. Belknap, Secy.

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L. O. Rice N. G.
Joe Truit, Secretary

hundredths (6.05) acres, excluding one-half (1/2) of the present County Road. Also beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southeast quarter (1/4) Section twenty (20), Township one (1) South, Range seventeen (17) East, Willamette Meridian, thence North one thousand (1000) feet to a point on the West line of the right of way of the Lone Rock Market Road, which point is thirty (30) feet to the right of station one hundred (100) plus fifty-four (54) thence Southerly along the West line of the right of way of the said Lone Rock Market Road a distance of one thousand seven hundred sixty-six (1766) feet which point is thirty (30) feet to the right of station one hundred eighteen (118) plus twenty (20), thence West along the South line of the Southeast one-quarter (1/4) Section twenty (20), Township one (1) South, Range seventeen (17) East, Willamette Meridian, a distance of nine hundred fifty (950) feet to the place of beginning, containing nineteen and thirty-five one-hundredths (19.35) acres, excluding old right of way. Also, excepting the right of way of the present Lone Rock Market Road, containing one and seventy one-hundredths (1.70) acres, more or less, all in the county of Sherman, State of Oregon.

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