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IT MUST BE PAID FOR

The sales tax is having its usual criticism. Nobody likes it. Also it might be said that nobody likes a property tax, an income tax, an excise tax or, in fact, any tax that takes from them a part of their income.

There is a rather joking statement that the proper way to succeed politically is to vote against all new taxes and for all appropriations. Even though it is not often taken seriously there is much evidence that the rule has been followed to the detriment of tax paying property.

It is said that the sales taxes the poor. It does. It also taxes the man who buys a \$3000 car, the man who buys diamonds and furs and jewelry. It taxes everyone who spends money unless he buys only the staple foods.

It does not tax a farmer more, in some cases, than his income. No one will have his property sold for non-payment of the sales tax. No one will have to turn his entire wheat and allotment check over to the sheriff to pay his sales tax. Surely, it has its advantages for the land owner who now pays around four-fifths of the taxes in Oregon.

When it is considered that taxpayers of Oregon are now delinquent \$46,000,000 it seems that it is time to stop levying taxes against property for new things. We must soon stop riding a free horse to death.

If the people want pensions, and it appears that they do, they will expect to pay for them. If there is any easier way than the sales tax or any more equitable way it has not been made public.

LET IT BE PUBLICLY DONE

In a letter published in another column of this page Mr. J. B. Adams, former president of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League, takes exception to an editorial recently published in this paper.

The editorial stated that there was no public criticism of the management of the AAA whereas there was private criticism which should have been publicly aired while Mr. Conser was present. Mr. Adams states that there was friendly criticism offered in a committee meeting with Mr. Conser. That is well, but the contention of this paper was that it should have come onto the floor regardless of the lack of time for it was the most important subject the wheat growers could discuss.

The editorial in question was a plea for action on the part of the wheat growers to continue to strive for a permanent and solidly based farm act during the temporary breathing spell offered by the present AAA. There is still work to do and will be for many years if agriculture is to achieve the place it desires.

It will not be done by adopting an attitude of satisfaction and that was the apparent attitude of the wheat league as gathered by one who sat through every speech but one at the press table. If other plans were made in committee meetings they should have been publicly announced and publicly voted upon by the entire membership.

One of these mornings early next week we are going to wake up a little earlier than usual because the sun came over the hill a bit before its accustomed time. The change will not be noticeable at first for nature works her changes gradually but when that phenomena occurs we know we are on the high road to spring. It will officially be winter but then some philosopher has said: "If winter comes: can spring be far behind?"

Hailee Selassie has a grin coming since the peace plan of the allies fell through. Apparently the citizens of France and England have more regard for honorable dealings than their rulers.

Some one beat up Walter Winchell. Well, they couldn't outtalk him.

The Republicans are going to meet in Cleveland. Didn't suppose they would meet in a so Democratic sounding city.

Everybody has been remembering the story of the Irish engineer this last week. You know, the one who sent in the report to the division superintendent about the wreck, "Off again, on again, gone again, Finnegin."

There was a boxing match last week, among heavy weights at that and it wasn't the battle of a century. Just give us time and we'll get wise after while.

Relief funds cannot be used to buy a divorce say officials in Portland, yet that might be a very needed kind of relief.

People's Column

To the Editor of the JOURNAL—

Referring to the editorial in your issue of last week headed, "The Wheat League's Mistake". The writer of this editorial, unfortunately, was not fully acquainted with the proceedings of the Committee on AAA, Legislation and Taxation. Assistant Director, Division of Grains, AAA, Mr. C. C. Conser appeared before this Committee for three hours after his address had been delivered on the floor of the Convention, for the purpose of consulting over problems it had been desired by the Committee and certain non-member growers to discuss with him and of asking him questions relating to some situations. It was also desired to send thru him certain recommendations for betterments to the Grain Division at Washington. This was necessary because there was not time for a general question asking, discussion and recommendation making on the floor. The program was running far behind at the time. At this meeting various pertinent questions were asked and were answered and friendly criticism was freely offered, and he certainly did not leave with the understanding that the farmers of Eastern Oregon had nothing to offer in the way of suggested constructive changes for the betterment of the AAA program. Therefore the League did not make any "unfortunate decision" not to offer suggestions for betterments but, on the other hand, it took pains to present such in the most deliberate way and most effective manner possible. Above all, it was desired by the Committee not to offer such criticism as might involve the League and the AAA Program in local or National politics.

Of course League members, as well as other forward looking grain growers and other agriculturists, know that the present adjustment program is of a more or less temporary character, so plans for setting up a permanent policy have been considered and offered thru our Congressional delegation and to the Secretary of Agriculture directly. Chairman Jones (Texas) of the Agricultural Committee has advised that his Committee is giving this matter serious consideration and Senator McNary has pledged himself to introduce in due time a bill with this as its objective.

The President of the League stated in his opening address that the League has been the first in the Pacific Northwest to recommend and to urge the purchase of marginal grain producing lands and their withdrawal from production. The movement to accomplish this is now well under way by the Government.

Many and far reaching desired changes in the administration of the Adjustment Program have been made. Hereafter the local Allotment Committees will have all most entire control of passing upon compliances with contracts and the allotment checks will be written here in Oregon, thus eliminating the delay in the delivery of checks experienced in the past. There is always more or less red tape in connection with governmental agency administration, so there is still some of it in the handling of the detail of this program, but not nearly so much as at first there was.

The League, with other farm organizations, is working toward local control and management by producers themselves of this and future to be adjustment and permanent policy programs. It can not be understood how that anyone who attended the Committee meetings and the Convention at Pendleton could say that the growers there were sitting idly by and were resting within the shade of allotment checks. One of the specific mandates voted was that immediately there shall be set up in each of the nine counties represented in the League a strong educational County Unit, all of which are already formulating plans for a campaign looking toward support of the present temporary adjustment program and of the establishment of a desirable permanent policy for agriculture.

It was long since foreseen by the League, as well as many other progressive agricultural organizations, that the producers of each and every major crop will ultimately have to arrange to control their production and marketing, just as many industries do now, but with six hundred thousand grain growers, scattered over the United States, it naturally requires time to accomplish that. This is the only reason, as was pointed out in the AAA Committee report, that governmental help and agencies were required just now for regulating and administering the relief and adjustment program.

Maybe some League members have appeared to rather "boast" that the League is a forward looking body, capable of thinking thru a farm situation. A pride in the accomplishments of their organization is not unusual in good farm and other organizations of various sorts.

But with the suggestion that the League is the "self appointed spokesman for the wheat farmers of Oregon", it will be said by one who is a charter member, who has attended every Convention of the League, who served to the best of his ability as vice-president one year and as president one year and who has an outline of the proceedings of all meetings that no such appointment was ever made by the League.

James B. Adams

SAILS FOR OLYMPICS



Richard H. Dorrance of Dartmouth university, photographed as he sailed for Europe to take part in the winter Olympic games. He will compete in the ski jumping at Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany.

Why Glass Is Cut Under Water

The vibration is less than in the air and the glass is therefore less likely to crack.

Moro Events Briefly Chronicled For Busy Readers

Stephens Returns Home After Auto Accident

D. E. Stephens returned from Corvallis last Friday somewhat bruised and battered but still in the ring. For the first time in an eventful life Mr. Stephens has a bald spot—where the surgeons sewed up the cut in his head.

McKean and Searcy sold almost a complete farming outfit last week when Fred Blau of Wasco bought an International Diesel a set of plows, four drills and some weedeaters. They will be used on the Blau place Walter Blau is farming north of Wasco.

A group of the camp LEMs here Mrs. Nahouse and Mrs. Ritter to prepare a dinner for them when any occasion of special significance happens. Wednesday evening one was held as a farewell party for one of the boys who is leaving the work.

Robert Caruthers, with his wife and daughter, spent the first of the week here to visit with his cousins, Vernon and Floyd Platt. Mr. Caruthers comes from Glenburn North Dakota and is a brother of Wm. Caruthers who has lived here for some time.

The school masters and school madams of the city schools will leave this week end for their vacation over the holidays. Many of them are expected to attend the state teacher's convention in Portland.

Dr. Poley returned last Friday from Portland where he had been for a few days. Wiley McDonald is ill with a case of pneumonia at his home

near town and Miss Cassie Holmes is caring for him. Mr. and Mrs. Ted vonBorstel of Grass Valley were attendants at the Legion meeting here Wednesday night.

Luther Davis of Kent was down Wednesday to have his hand dressed again. An infection has been bothering him.

Bill Snodderly, brother of Mrs. J. J. Schaeffer, returned to Moro Wednesday to spend the winter here. He has been at Long Creek during the summer.

F. B. Arnold is here visiting with Bart Burrell for a few days.

C. V. Belknap was in Vancouver Sunday to attend the funeral of an uncle of Mrs. Belknap's who died last Thursday in Wallawa.

Next Friday night there will be a minstrel and dance at the Legion hall. It will be given by the CCC boys with Legion aid.

Moro Loses At Basketball

LOIS KENNY
The Moro basketball team suffered a double defeat Friday evening on the Grass Valley floor. The Grass Valley girls won their victory by only one point; the score at the half was 8-5 in Moro's favor, but due to the necessary substitutions, the final score showed 12-11. The two teams are very evenly matched and we look forward eagerly to the game with Grass Valley on the Moro floor.

The line-up for the Moro girls: M. Pinkerton, G. Gillmor and H. Strong forwards; D. Fraser, G. Nahouse and D. Thompson guards. Substitutes were: E. Messenger for G. Gillmor; L. Kenny for G. Nahouse; I. Morgan for D. Thompson and L. Barzee for H. Strong.

The Moro boys basketball team was defeated by a 33-8 score by the Grass Valley boys Friday night. The line-up for Moro: L. Henrichs and T. Thompson, guards; H. Belshie and H. Conlee forwards and

L. May, center. M. Baker substituted for May. Thompson was high point man.

An operetta entitled "Santa Claus in Story Land" will be presented by the first six grades on Friday evening accompanied by additional singing by the glee club. It will be at the gymnasium at 8 o'clock. The public is welcome and there will be no admission charge.

Due to an epidemic of "pink eye" all of the school children as well as the faculty have been receiving treatments to prevent any further spread of the disease.

A special senior meeting was called Wednesday morning to discuss the selection of class calling cards.

Christmas holidays will begin Dec. 20 and are to be extended until Monday Dec. 30. There will be no school Wednesday, New Years day.

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Moro, Oregon
Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. hall. Transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.
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