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HB 420

The above symbol is the official title of a bill now in the house which has for its purpose the equalization of school taxes over the entire state of Oregon. It would cause as much change in governmental policy as any bill so far introduced.

Briefly it levies a tax of approximately 5.9 mills on all property in the state and distributes the money thus derived to school districts on the basis of elementary units and average daily attendance. Some counties gain a great deal under the measure; some lose. Multnomah county would lose \$350,000, Umatilla \$98,000 and little Sherman with its small number of children and large taxable value would have to pay in nearly three times as much as it received.

The theory of tax equalization for school purposes has already been accepted in America. At first the parents of children were entirely responsible for their education. Early in colonial times we decided to let the community take over the duties of instructing the young either because the parents needed help or the neighbors thought something should be done to make the next generation better mannered.

Now throughout the greater part of the United States we still hold to the same system of equalizing taxes over a small area for school purposes. School men have long wanted to increase the size of their areas and have tried to establish county equalization units, but without much success. HB 420 would make the state the unit. We think it a very long step—a too long step.

Justification for the equalization in a small community was that all those paying the tax could receive the benefits therefrom if they too were blessed with descendants. With better transportation and better roads there was justification for county units of school although the people have not yet accepted it.

Now certainly there is no one who can say that the taxpayers of Sherman county could derive benefit from educating the young of the Willamette valley. So much equalization is mere theory gone wild. It is demanding state equalization before we have accepted county equalization.

It is advocated by the state officials because they want consolidation of schools and feel that this can only come through tax equalization. The bill perpetuates the ill founded system of distributing tax funds through an elementary unit which, in itself, will prevent consolidation as it gives smaller districts a decided advantage. Many things about our school system are inefficient. Pouring state money into such a system will tend to keep this inefficiency for years after it would be ended under the present method of school organization. If the state is to raise great sums of money for local school purposes the state must also be given authority to control the spending of those funds. This means that control of local schools will pass to the state.

The bill may have a good effect by indicating to local and county school men that it is time they began to move toward consolidation and equalization before something as drastic as this bill is passed by a legislature long tired of the complaints of poorer districts and long weary from pondering the problems of poorly educated children.

When a car is used mainly for short trips, as in city driving, there is greater chance of crankcase oil dilution and hence the need for changing oil oftener, according to the Emergency Road Service of the Oregon State Motor Association. Short runs do not permit thorough warming of the engine and it is during the warming up period that dilution of oil by raw gasoline usually occurs.

In Other Days

From the Observer Feb. 28, 1902

Miss Sadie Orr has accepted a position to teach in one of the public schools of Portland. Miss Marie Barnett takes her place in the Wasco schools.

Mrs. Hiram Donley, nee Miss Nona Illingsworth, was the guest of Miss Ida Mowry this week.

Miss Sells has about completed all arrangements for opening an entire new stock of Millinery goods in Moro soon.

The lady trimmer at Mrs. Strahls Millinery is now in Portland selecting stock for the spring trade which will be opened in the new brick store on the bank block, First Street.

Observer March 1, 1912

The household goods of Mr. Stephens of the experimental station have arrived and were moved to the farm this week.

Scott and Tomlin have opened up the Landry blacksmith shop where they will conduct a general blacksmithing and repairing business, with horse shoeing a speciality.

A. R. Kessinger has bought the W. B. Johnston property recently occupied by Eugene Amidon. Mr. Amidon has rented and occupies the McCallum city property.

Miss Hazel McMann, of Portland, who assisted in the millinery store last season returned Wednesday and will assist Mrs. F. E. Fagan in the hat trimming department.

Observer, March 22, 1922

Andrew Shearer of Moro and Miss Emma Maud Williams of Wasco were married at the Congregational parsonage in The Dalles, Wednesday, February 22, the Rev. Ernest Gouge officiating.

E. B. Fitts arrived Sunday and spent a few days with his daughter, Miss Grace Fitts, one of Moro high's instructors.

Two surveyors provided for in the contract of The Dalles-Oregon and Washington Toll Bridge company in Portland covering the building of the interstate bridge across the Columbia at Seufert has been completed and a tentative sketch of the type of bridge is being exhibited in The Dalles. An estimated cost of the bridge is \$400,000.

Statehouse Gossip

(Continued from page one) long as it was intended for road work but it would stand as an effective bar against attempted diversion of gasoline taxes, automobile licenses and other highway revenues for old age pensions, support the schools or any other purpose.

Representative Perry of Columbia is the author of a measure which would give the lawmakers \$5 a day for personal expenses in addition to their \$3 per diem. The expense pay would cover a session of 50 days or \$250 for each member. Old timers recall that a similar attempt to supplement the pay of the legislators was made several years ago but most of those who accepted this additional pay returned it after the attorney general held it to be a violation of the constitutional provision which appears to limit the compensation of the legislators to \$3 a day for a session of 40 days, plus 15 cents a mile for the round trip to the capitol and return.

Barber shop conversation in the future will be on a higher plane if the senate follows the lead of the House which this week passed a bill providing that barbers must have a high school education. The present law requires only an eighth grade education.

Multnomah, Douglas and 14 counties east of the Cascades will contribute toward the support of schools in the other 20 counties of the state if House Bill 420—the school fund equalization bill—is enacted into law, which just now appears to be entirely probable.

The measure which was prepared by the state department of education and which the approval of Governor Sprague, would levy a tax on all property in the state sufficient to raise a fund of \$20 for every child on the school census roll. This fund would, in turn, be apportioned among the counties on the basis of day's attendance in the schools of the county.

According to a tabulation worked out by the state department of education Sherman county, upon the basis of present valuation and school census would contribute \$42,232 in taxes to the school equalization fund and, in turn, would receive \$14,457 for the support of its schools in the apportionment of the fund among the counties.

Sherman county would be the

hardest hit by the measure paying into the fund approximately three times as much as it would receive. Multnomah county which would be taxed \$1,814,538 under the plan would receive only \$1,447,967 in return and Umatilla county would pay in \$225,333 and take out only \$127,978. Other counties which would pay in more than they would receive include Baker, Crook, Douglas, Gilliam, Grant, Harney, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Morrow, Wallowa, Wasco and Wheeler.

On the other hand Lane county would pay in only \$259,014 and take out \$367,249 and Malheur which would pay in only \$71,428 would receive in return \$131,092.

If passed by the legislature the program will be submitted to the voters at the next general election and must receive their approval before becoming law.

A proposal to throw open county hospitals to osteopaths, chiropractors and other practitioners has attracted the vigorous opposition of the members of the medical profession. A representative of the Josephine county medical association told the senate committee on medicine that all seven of the physicians of that county would withdraw from the Josephine county hospital, the only hospital in the county, incidentally, if the bill was passed.

Representatives of the university of Oregon medical school in Portland declared that passage of the measure would seriously impair the effectiveness of the school as well as the Multnomah county hospital which is served by members of the Medical school staff.

The joint committee on public institutions wants an interim committee to make a study of conditions and needs of state institutions during the next two years and report back to the next session on what should be done to improve the service the state is now giving to its wards. An interim committee has already been created to study Columbia river fishing problems in cooperation with like committees from Washington and Idaho.

This session may not establish a new record for longevity but present indications are that it will run the 1939 session a close race for that distinction. Should the session run another three weeks (two after the current one) it will have exceeded the record of the 1935 session which continued for 59 days.

KELLY'S COLUMN

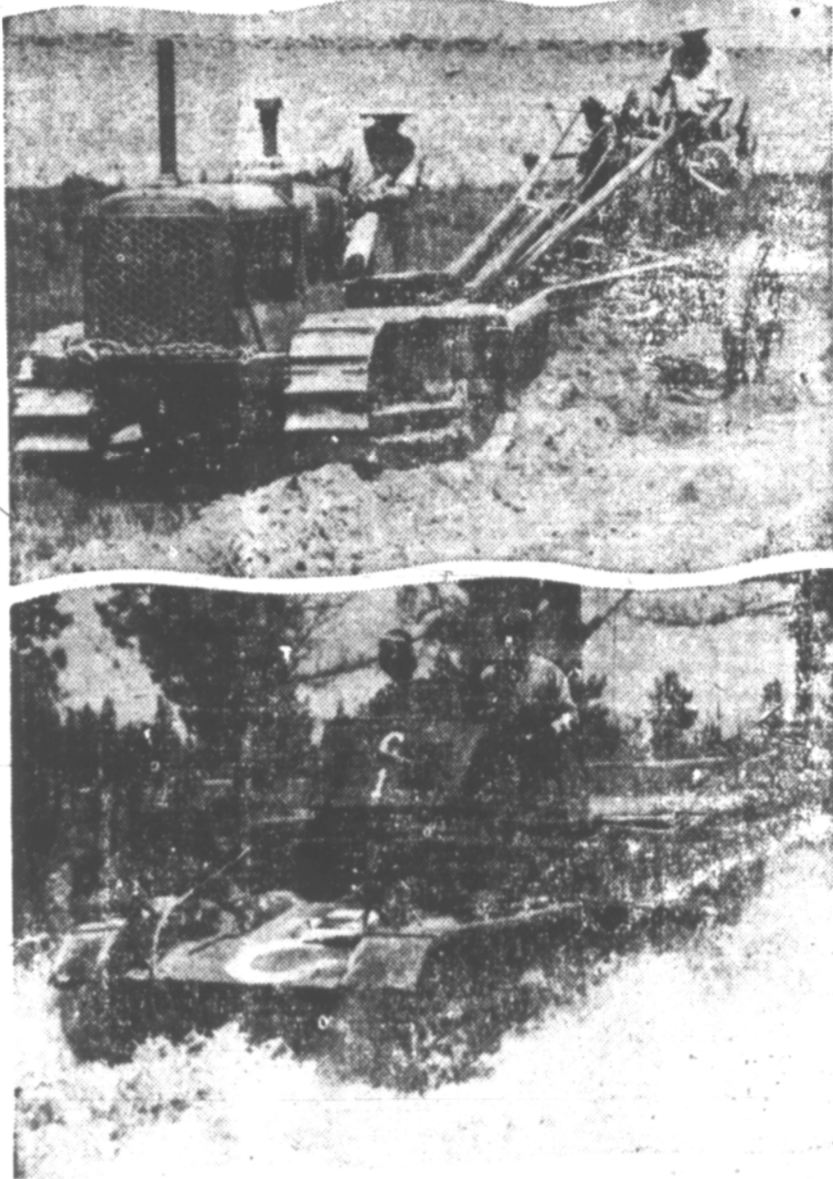
John W. Kelly (Continued from page one) was made that there was an ample supply. The increased airplane program is responsible for the demand and OPM is urging all manufacturers of aluminum to speed up.

There are 76 ghost towns in western Washington and Oregon, the result of cutting away timber which supported the communities. As many more towns are threatened with a similar fate, according to Rep. Walter M. Pierce of Oregon, unless something is done. Representative Pierce has offered this session two bills in an attempt to save the forests. One measure provides \$60,000,000 of federal funds to purchase land containing 62 billion feet of timber in Oregon and Washington. Main object of the proposed legislation is to assure selective logging on a sustained basis, which would perpetuate the forests and prevent causing more ghost towns.

Government officials are now fighting to keep prices down. There is a tendency for prices to take a balloon ride. So far as the government is concerned, prices can be pegged by refusing to pay more than a certain sum, and production can be curbed by priorities. Insiders hint that many articles will soon become luxuries and point to the statement of Mrs. Roosevelt that we may yet learn to get along without things now considered as necessary.

The best ten years of a man's life are the ten before he stumbles and Mrs.

Symbols of American Defense



Tractors and tanks symbolize modern American defense. Farmers operating the machinery at top are carving out terraces which defend their soil from erosion. Soldiers operating the U. S. army tank in lower picture are practicing maneuvers which strengthen the nation's armed defense. American farmers, carrying on soil protection work under the AAA Farm Program, last year built more than 67,000 miles of terraces, enough to reach more than two and a half times around the world.

Kent School Gives Party Friday Afternoon

The Kent school gave a program Friday afternoon in honor of Washington's birthday. Billy Guyton extended a welcome to all present. The school band rendered several numbers under the direction of Clyde Simpson.

Mrs. W. W. Knighton of Moro spoke on the history of the flag, followed by the salute to the flag. The audience joined in group singing of patriotic airs.

Miss Helen Halvorsen directed two vocal selections by the grade children. Cleo Laffoon gave a reading on Washington after which prizes were awarded to those taking part in writing essays on "Selective Service" as follows: Senior Division, Bob Tatum, first and Helen von Borstel second; Junior Division, Elinor Hoskinson first and Cleo Laffoon, second; In the essays on Americanism Jackie von Borstel won first.

The program was concluded with the singing of America.

Mrs. B. A. Hogue and daughter Gertrude who spent three weeks in The Dalles, returned to their home here Wednesday afternoon. The former's brother Frank Bennett brought the Hogue home.

Mrs. Grace Gregg is doing the chores at J. H. Wilson's ranch while the Wilson's are in Idaho visiting their son, Dr. J. G. Wilson and family.

Mrs. H. C. Nelson and Nellie Wilson were business visitors in The Dalles Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Schilling and daughter Bobetta and Mrs. Jay McKay were in The Dalles Monday.

Mrs. Ida Davis and daughter Pauline and G. Douma spent Thursday evening visiting at the J. C. Wilson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay McKay and children and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Schilling and daughter Bobetta were dinner guests at the Alfred Lyons home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson and Mrs. John Wilson left Thursday for Moscow, Idaho where the latter will receive medical care. They expect to visit the former's son, Dr. J. G. Wilson and family several

days.

Mrs. H. C. Nelson and son George of Bend spent several days at Kent last week visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Volna Guyton and children who have been living on what is known as the John Clark place six miles south of Kent for several months, moved their household goods to Kent Friday, and will occupy the William Mitchell residence temporarily.

Nellie Wilson and Mrs. H. C. Nelson and son George were dinner guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dick Reckman jr., at Grass Valley Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schilling and daughter Paulette of Goldendale, Wn., motored to Kent last Thursday and visited with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schilling and brother Robert Schilling and family. They returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Lyle Smith of Eugene, who had been a patient in the Mid-Columbia hospital several days, came to Kent Tuesday evening where she will spend some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Schilling.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Huck of Rufus, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cothran, Mr. and Mrs. Hanson and Pat Gentry of Moro attended the program at the Kent Grange hall Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Clements of Seattle arrived at the H. C. Helyer home Saturday afternoon where they were overnight guests of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Helyer. Vince Genteman of Wasco and Durward Helyer and son Gordon of Moro were dinner guests at the W. C. Helyer home Sunday.

Kent grange sponsored a program Saturday evening. A one act play and several musical numbers were followed by a dance. To conclude the entertainment, pies were auctioned off to bidders. A large crowd attended. The proceeds were \$45.00.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Decker and children and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mitchell visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Mitchell at Hermiston over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shaw of Hood River spent the day here Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Jones.

Lauren Bennett of The Dalles called briefly at the B. A. Hogue home Sunday.

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NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that D. L. Belshe, administrator of the partnership estate of J. C. Freeman & Company composed of J. C. Freeman and O. L. Belshe, deceased, has filed his final account in said estate, and Monday, the 31st day of March, 1941, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. in the County Court Room at the County Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing of objections to said account and settlement thereof. D. L. BELSHE, Administrator. GALLOWAY & KRIER, Attorneys for the Administrator, The Dalles, Oregon 17-21

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN In the Matter of the Liquidation of the MORO STATE BANK, Moro, Oregon

NOTICE OF PAYMENT OF DIVIDEND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an order has been entered by the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Sherman, authorizing, empowering and directing the Superintendent of Banks to distribute a tenth and final dividend of 7.86% on all ordinary deposit claims filed and approved against the Moro State Bank, Moro, Oregon, up to and including January 20, 1939, said dividend to be paid on and after March 7th, 1941.

That said order directed that this notice be given by publication thereof in one issue of a newspaper of general circulation printed and published in Sherman County, Oregon.

That the date of publication thereof is February 28, 1941.

A. A. ROGERS, Superintendent of Banks of the State of Oregon, in charge of the Moro State Bank, in liquidation, Moro, Oregon.

Moro Lodge No. 113, F.O.O.F. Moro, Oregon Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in the I.O.O.F. hall Transit and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us.

Joe Ritner N.G. Vernon Miller Sec.

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Moro, Oregon

Meets 2d & 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Helen Martin N.G. Florence Johnston, Sec.

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A-F & A-M Moro, Oregon

Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays evenings of each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.

Wendell Balsiger W.M. C. V. Belknap, Secy.

Bethlehem Chapter, No. 78 O.E.S. Moro, Oregon

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