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FIGURE IT OUT

Proposal made by the League of
Oregon Counties and at least sug-
gested at the meeting of the East-
ern Oregon Wheat League, that
surplus income tax funds be used
to take up the county school fund,

An equalization measure of this
nature can have but one effect: to
transfer funds from the counties
with large per capita values and
few school children to counties
with small values and large school
children. That it should come from
the wheat income tax, which it would
probably cost the most, is a joke that is
worth forgetting.

Tendency of the bill, if it became
law, would be to make it possible
for counties to spend more money
instead of schools. It is generally
accepted that the schools are in
greater need than the counties, al-
though the counties are better or-
ganized.

The taxpayer would not be helped
in any event. There would be a
reduction in his county taxes—if
that was made mandatory in the
bill—but his income tax would be
larger, or his discount smaller.

The rash of organizations to
get their hands on some of the sur-
plus income tax funds is one of the
major menaces to any tax savings
at the present session. The counties
want some extra money, the cities
want a slice, the schools are de-
manding a big chunk, the state in-
stitutions need more money, the
institutions of higher learning want
a huge building program. Probably
all of them have a just claim, but
when half a dozen persons or orga-
nizations all get their hands on a
dollar, some one is likely to be hurt
in the rush.

Equalization of more funds in the
income tax has been going on for
many years. The tendency toward
centralization is apparent in state
as well as federal government. Per-
haps it should not have started at
the top, but it did. Equalization
within counties, then, state, then
federal would have been a better
rule. There are more inequalities
within counties than within states
in the federal structure. This is
particularly true of school taxes.

LIQUOR PROBE
The senate first, and then this
week the house, voted for an in-
vestigation of the deal whereby the
state of Oregon bought a couple
distilleries back in Kentucky. The
move was defensive. Washington is
now ruled by a new democratic, or
new deal group, that is apparently
fond of making an Governor
Laughlin look bad.

In order to do this the preliminary
probe in that state gave the deal a
twist that made it essentially man-
datory that Oregon have an investi-
gation in respect thereto. That is
what is being done.

This does not mean that the in-
vestigation will not be conducted
fully and completely. The personnel
of the investigation indicates that.

These are Angus Gibson, a dollar
watching Scotchman, Paul Patter-
son, an accomplished lawyer, from
the senate, in the house there is
Edgar Moore, a cautious business
man and lawyer, Henry Simon,
frank, Socialist Democrat, and
Harvey White, who knows a lot
about how things are done. This
group has many members from which
to obtain information about the
deal and should do a good job.

Worst feature of the deal by
which the state obtained their
supply of liquor was the huge commis-
sion obtained by one Collins, who
promoted it. He did right well by
himself according to preliminary
report.

However, the states are doing
well also. Oregon stands to make
nearly \$5,000,000 and the drinkers
of the state will have a sufficient
supply for some months to come.
Inasmuch as the state appropriated
some \$12,000,000 from the liquor
fund last session this Waterfall &
Prairie profit came in handy. The
welfare fund gets the money.

It is not expected that the inves-
tigation will be completed very
early. In order to do the job fully
and completely the audit of the
books must be made by some firm
and the intricacies of the deal gone
over. It will require some question-
ing and explaining. Newspapers
have already explained it pretty
well but there seems an element of
doubt.

This is a report of the reasons
for the development of the issue.
No one seems to believe that any-
thing startling will come of it.

A BOTTLE OF MILK
FOR BUSINESS
The removal of Jesse Jones from
the secretary of commerce post on
the very first day of the fourth
term indicates that politics is to
remain the guiding light of the ad-
ministration. Jesse, it will be re-
called, had a favorite nephew who
was a leader among the Texas anti-
third term democrats. It was nat-
urally presumed that Jesse was not
entirely in accord with indefinitely
perpetuity of one man in the presi-
dency.

Jesse will be taken care of. Ver-
ily, he has been taken care of. But
should he consent to being ambas-
sador to some country it would be
desirable for then he would not be
able to organize anything against
the ins. And it would look as if he
was still in favor with the throne.

Henry Wallice, who becomes sec-
retary of commerce, is probably
the most poorly equipped of any
man who ever assumed the office.
He had very limited success in his
own business, he holds theories that
are opposed to business and has
received his greatest support from
a labor union that has no
record of cooperation with busi-
ness. He probably will do for com-
merce what Madame Perkins has
done for the labor secretaryship.

But Henry is a faithful soul. He
loves the president and follows him
and his directives with a dog-like
devotion that seemingly qualifies a
man for almost everything and
anything.

The move probably means an
extension of the president's power,
direct power, over commerce which
heretofore has been directed by
men with some independence
State, labor and some other depart-
ments have always had secretaries
who permitted all major decisions
to be made in the white house. Now
commerce will come under that
classification and our place in
world trade will be decided by the
theorists.

Probably no one will be happy
about it except Henry and the
little group of followers who have
the same theoretical approach to
public problems. The wishful think-
ers who dislike practical things
will be pleased.

From the Observer, Jan. 26, 1945
Chas. Powell has purchased this
R. T. Morgan farm of 160 acres
west of Moro. Mr. Morgan sold his
farm only to buy a larger acreage
east of Moro. The Taylor Bergin
farm of 640 acres. The two deals
were closed through the Elrod
Real Estate Agency.

Moro electric light plant had a
five day shut down for lack of
gasoline. This was caused by the
railway company being in a hurry
with their train so that time could
not be spared to load the gasoline
tanks which are returned when
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Kelly's Column
(Continued from Page One)
different nation than it was when
Mr. Roosevelt left the position of
governor of New York and launch
ed his presidential precedent
breaking career. From being a de-
pressed, jobless nation it has de-
veloped into the greatest industrial
country of all times, and this in it-
self has created new problems on
the home front.

Because of the practically pri-
vate ceremonies at the White
House, Washington did not present
the customary inaugural appear-
ance. No trainloads of visitors
swarmed into town. The "street
rren" were almost entirely ab-
sent, whereas usually they walk
along with the crowds selling sou-
venirs and if the weather is in-
clement, offering raincoats and um-
brellas. No West Point or Annapolis
cadets marching; no bands. The
"show" was missing.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned having been
appointed by the Court: Court of
the State of Oregon, for Sherman
County, the Executrix of the Es-
tate of Carl Victor Anderson, de-
ceased, and having qualified, notice
is hereby given to the creditors of,
and all persons having claims
against said deceased, to present
them, verified as required by law,
within six months after the first
publication of this notice to said
Executrix, c-o Mrs. Hildred Zell,
Wasco, Oregon.

Dorothy Miller
Executrix of the Estate of
Carl Victor Anderson, deceased.
Dated December 29, 1944 8-12

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT
Notice is hereby given that the
undersigned has filed in the County
Court of the State of Oregon for
Sherman County his Final Account
and Report as the Adminis-
trator of the Estate of Nora
Smith, deceased, and that Wed-
nesday, the 7th day of February
1945, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock
A. M., of said day, at the court-
room of said court, in the court-
house in Moro, Sherman County,
Oregon, have been fixed by the
Court as the time and place for
hearing of objections to said Final
Account and Report and for the
settlement of said Estate.

Arthur J. Smith
Administrator
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney at law, Wasco Oregon
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Young men and boys of this
vicinity are making pleasant recre-
ation of shooting out the windows of
the county fair buildings.

The storm hit the Shaniko branch
a wallop last week when all train
service stopped from Friday to
Sunday afternoon.

From the Observer, Jan. 29, 1926
Word was received by Mrs. Wal-
lace Jones Monday that the baby
boy of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Bozarth
of Portland, died January 15th of
diphtheria. The Bozarth family for-
merly lived in Rufus.

Mrs. A. H. Barnum reports that
their son, Orville Barnum, has en-
listed in the navy, taking service in
the radio department.

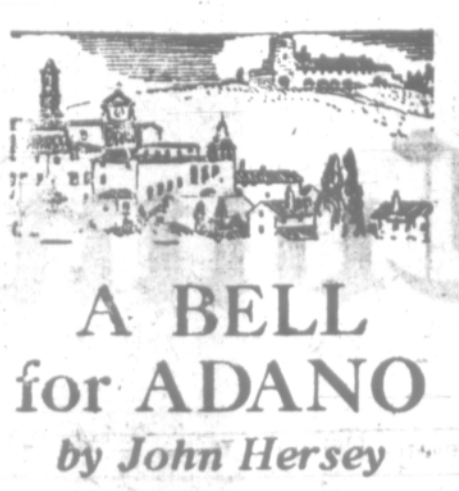
Miss Mabel Cothran, second el-
dest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. R.
Cothran, was taken to the hospital
at The Dalles on Monday, a suffer-
er from chronic appendicitis. When
she arrived at the hospital it was
found that both lungs were badly
congested from a severe cold and
that an operation could not be had
until this condition had improved.

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A BELL
for ADANO
by John Hersey
WNU Service.

CHAPTER I: The American troops ar-
rived at Adano, a seaport in Italy, with
Major Victor Joppolo, the Amaret officer
in charge. Sergeant Leonard Borth, an
MP, was to be in charge of security.
The Major set out immediately to win
the friendship of the citizens, and to im-
prove their living conditions.

CHAPTER II: The first duties of Major
Joppolo, after posting the civil in-
structions, was to find out what the citi-
zens needed the most. He soon deter-
mined to replace their bell, which the
Germans had taken. The bell, he found,
was the very symbol of their life.

CHAPTER III
Craxi said: "I needed no bell. I
was on the beach to welcome the
Americans. My woman was with
me, the formidable Margherita, and
my seven children. We were on the
beach in spite of the shooting, to
greet the Americans. But what did
my children shout? They did not
shout: 'We miss the tinkling of the
bell.' They shouted: 'Caramelle!
Caramelle!' They were hungry.
They wanted candy. I myself, who
had had enough to eat as it happens,
shouted for cigarettes, not for the
pealing of a bell."

Borth and the usher Zito came
back. Borth said: "It's nifty, Major.
All the records are intact. They
tell everything. There are lists of
anti-Fascists and lists of those who
were lukewarm. There's a dossier
on each important person. It's
perfect. Who are these guys?"

Craxi said: "I remember that
name. In the records it says Ca-
capardo is sulphur and sulphur is
Caacopardo."

Borth said: "That is true. He
thinks that bells are more im-
portant than food."

Borth turned on Craxi in mock
anger. "And who is this?"
Craxi was apologetic again: "I
am anti-Fascist. Craxi, I believe
in food for the moment."

Major Joppolo said: "They are
arguing which is more important,
food or restoring the bell. Since we
obviously can't do anything about
the bell just now, food is our con-
cern."

Craxi looked very proud of him-
self, but Caacopardo turned to Zito
and said: "We will leave this mat-
ter to the son of Rosa who was the
wife of Zito. What do you say,
small Zito, do you consider the food
or the bell more important?"

Surprisingly Zito said: "I think
the bell."

Major Joppolo was interested by
this. He leaned forward and said:
"Why, Zito?"
Zito said: "Because the tone of
the bell was so satisfactory."

"No," said Caacopardo, "It is be-
cause of the history of the bell.
When the bell spoke, our fathers and
their fathers far back spoke to us."

Even Craxi was swept into this
argument. "No," he said, "it was
because the bell rang the times of
day. It told us when to do things,
such as eating. It told us when to
have the morning egg and when to
have pasta and rabbit and when to
drink wine in the evening."

Zito said: "I think it was the tone
which mattered. It soothed all the
people of this town. It chided those
who were angry. It cheered the
unhappy ones. It even laughed with
those who were drunk. It was a tone
for everybody."

others who... it was the one you
listened to."
Caacopardo, who was old enough
not to have reverence for anything,
said: "I think that even the Mon-
signor regrets the sending away of
the bell, because he used to regulate
himself by it."

Craxi said: "I am certain too that
he regulated his eating by it, as
everyone else did."

Major Joppolo said to Borth in
English: "We'll have to try to do
something about getting another
bell."

Borth said: "It's ridiculous. There
are lots of things more important
than this bell. Get them some food
and don't forget that alleyway."

Major Joppolo said: "All the
same, the bell is important to
them." And he said then in Italian:
"Thank you for telling me about
the bell. I promise you that I will
do all I can to get another bell
which will have some meaning as a
bell and will have a good tone
and its history will be that it was
given to you by the Americans to
take the place of the one which was
taken away by the Fascists to make
gun barrels."

Caacopardo said: "You are kind."
Craxi said: "I thank you, Mister
Major, and I kiss your hand."

Major Joppolo said: "You what?"
Caacopardo the historian said: "He
meant no offense. It is an old cus-
tom here. Once the important
people make us kiss their hands, and
later when the actual kissing be-
came too much of a bother, it be-
came the habit merely to mention
the kissing, as if it had been done."

Craxi said: "I meant no offense,
Mister Major. I am anti-Fascist."

Major Joppolo said: "It appears
that everyone in this town is anti-
Fascist. Well, we will see about
the bell. Now I wish to speak alone
with the priest. Zito, you may stay.
You are my usher, Giuseppe, you
may stay. You are my interpreter."

Craxi said: "Mister Major, the
telegram."

Major Joppolo said: "I will try
to send it."

Craxi mentioned the kissing
again, and turned to go.

When the others had gone, Major
Joppolo said to Father Pensovecchio:
"Father, I wish to tell you that
the Americans want to bring only
good to this town. As in every
nation, there are some bad men in
America. It is possible that some
Americans who come here will do
bad things. If they do, I can
assure you that most of the Ameri-
cans will be just as ashamed of
those things as you are annoyed by
them."

Father Pensovecchio said: "I
think we will understand weakness
in your men just as we try to under-
stand it in our own."

Major Joppolo said: "Thank you,
Father. I have been told that you
are the best priest in Adano."

The priest said with quite honest
modesty: "I am here to do my
duty."

Major Joppolo said: "Therefore I
should like to ask a favor of you."

Blood and wind rushed into his
throat and his throat roared.

You must feel perfectly free to re-
fuse me if you wish. I should like
to ask you to say a few words be-
fore your mass tomorrow morning
about the Americana. I shall leave
it to you to say what you wish, if
you will merely add that there are
certain proclamations which the
Americans have posted which ought
to be read."

Father Pensovecchio said: "That
I can easily do."

Major Joppolo said: "I myself
am a Catholic. If you will have
me, I should like to attend your
mass."

The priest said: "It will be a
pleasure to have you." Major Jop-
polo was glad that he did not say it
would be an honor.

Major Joppolo said: "I shall see
you tomorrow then."

Father Pensovecchio said, just to
make sure: "At the Church of San
Angelo. It is by the Piazza of that
name. At seven in the morning.
Until then, son."

When the priest had left, Giuseppe
said in his brand of English: "You
doing okay, a boss. All you got a
go now is fix a food."

"Yes," said Major Joppolo, "food."

We'll go to the bakeries." But first,
do you have a crier here?"
Giuseppe said to Zito in Italian:
"Was the name of the crier?
Did he run into the hills with the
others?"

Zito said: "No, he is here. Mar-
curio Salvatore. He is here. Only,
Mister Major, he does not always
say exactly what you tell him to
say. He will say the general mean-
ing of what you wish, but he will
change it some. Even if you write
it down, he will change it some."

Major Joppolo said: "Will you get
him, please, Zito? I want to send
him out to tell the people to read the
proclamations."

Zito went. Major Joppolo said to
Giuseppe: "We will go to the bak-
eries, then we will post the procla-
mations."

Giuseppe said: "Yes, a boss."

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