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Those who would trade
freedom for security are
deserving of neither.

SOME GOOD MAY COME OF IT

A number of those who feel it
their duty or their privilege to
write long reviews about the
actions taken by the recent legisla-
tive assembly have said that the
legislators were at fault for pass-
ing a law that removes most of
the discount on the income taxes
for future years.

C. C. Chapman, who often speaks
for the better financed part of the
state's population and J. T. Merr,
of the State Federation of Labor,
who often speaks for that part of
the population with less than av-
erage incomes, both have dis-
agreed with the law that will reduce
income tax discounts.

That law will add property tax
payers at the expense of the in-
come taxpayers. Corporations
holding large blocks of property
will have their taxes balanced by
reduction here and increase there.
The income tax was passed some
15 years ago for the express pur-
pose of reducing property taxes.
All of it was used to that end un-
til 1944.

At the 1943 session there was
great and lengthy argument about
reduction of income taxes. Some
wanted to cut the rates, some
wanted to reduce temporarily by a
percentage, some wanted no re-
duction. House decision was for a
percentage reduction, the size of
which caused long debate. Then
the so-called Walker plan was
evolved. It provided that after cer-
tain funds were taken out of in-
come tax moneys the remainder
should be prorated back to income
tax payers on a percentage basis.

That resulted in a 75 percent re-
duction last year and a 30 per-
cent reduction this year. By this
means income tax payers came to
feel a certain vested right to ob-
tain a reduction in their taxes.

It is true, as both the above
gentlemen state, that more prop-
erty taxes are placed on income tax
at each session of the legislature.
At first the income tax could wipe
out but a part of the state's ex-
pense, then a few years back it
was able to take care of all state
expense, then elementary school
fund was added in 1940. Since
then, as income taxes grew, the
schools have gotten a great por-
tion of it. That is, the school tax-
payers have been relieved of school
taxes through application of the
income tax. Schools have only re-
ceived more money through the
process of voting funds above the
six percent limitation and these
taxes have been lessened by in-
come tax money.

In the 1943 session the schools
were given \$5,000,000 per year of
such property tax offset money.
In 1945 they were given \$8,000,000
per year of money on a similar
basis. This is in addition to the
elementary school fund.

But what made the proponents
of income tax payers large and
small, really angry with the leg-
islature was the passage of a bill
that provides that the county
school fund shall be paid with in-
come tax moneys if sufficient is
available. This is purely a county
tax, amounting to \$10 per pupil.
The bill will not help the schools,
but will help the property tax pay-
er.

There is considerable reason for
the anger, especially if one forgets
the original purpose of the income
tax which was to reduce property
taxes. About 90 million dollars
have been collected from income
and excise taxes since they were
passed. In the same time property
taxpayers have paid about \$40,
000,000 per year.

As incomes from rents, divid-
ends, stocks, wages, bonds, salar-
ies, etc., become greater the pay-
ment of such income will have

to pay a greater share of the cost
of government and education. In
the long run they have not been
hurt, but it is true that the burden
they carry has been growing at a
rapid rate of late. Like other tax-
es it can best be reduced by pub-
lic pressure for less government
and more economical government.
Property taxpayers have never
been able to hold down the spread
of government. Perhaps, with the
aid of this new group, something
may be accomplished.

Argument between two classes
of taxpayers will do no good. In
fact, most of each group pay both
kinds of taxes. Both can only ob-
tain permanent relief by taking
action against the growth of gov-
ernment which, if not stopped, will
eventually take a much larger
share of all kinds of incomes.

RECREATION CENTER

Some effort and a great deal
of emotional distress seems to
have occurred over the proposal to
utilize a vacant block in the flat
and a part of the city park for a
so-called recreation center. It will
be that, but it is being built pri-
marily for a football and play
field for the children.

There are a great many factors
that make ordinary consideration
of the project favorable. There is
certainly need for a playing field
for the school children. The one
proposed is a very good one al-
though far from perfect.

The school district has no land
available for a suitable field and
the one in the flat is less than two
blocks from the school. The land
has long been unused except that
portion that lies in the park and
it is not used much.

It seems likely that the addi-
tion of a good playing field to the
other assets of the high school
would increase the possibilities of
eventual high school consolidation
in the county, which is certainly
desirable.

None of the objections are in-
surmountable but not all the ob-
jections have so far been overcome.
It is true that title to the land has
been obtained, either through pur-
chase or lease. The city council
has voted to let the part of the
park that is in demand be used.
There will be a loss of some very
fine shade trees which is bad. How-
ever, many of them are old enough
to be taken out and there might
well be as much use of the land
without trees as there has been
with them.

The city has agreed to allow
the use of the water in the lower
wells except in those infrequ-
ent times when it is needed for domes-
tic use. Money has been raised
to complete the project by level-
ing the land, taking out the trees,
installing the pipe and irrigation
system, and purchase of a mower
to keep the field in proper shape.

There the preparations seem
to end.

At present it is as if the federal
government through some of its
various and multiple agencies
had made the park. Such parks
were left to the community and
not all of the communities have
been able to care for them.

There is so far no assurance
that the proposed recreation area
will be kept up. A few years ago
a field was leveled for the playing
of soft ball. Much enjoyment
came from it for a couple of mon-
ths. Then in the late summer the
weeds grew up and there has
been no use of the field since.
That wasn't so bad for little ex-
cept time and labor was sacrificed
to make that field. This time it is
proposed that the city sacrifice
some very fine trees and persons
have donated some \$1500. It seems
to bad to spend the money and to
lose the trees without some as-
surance that something valuable
is derived from the loss.

The city park, years ago, was
planted to trees probably because
it was not possible to keep a lawn
on it. Some lawn is now growing,
about as much as can be cared for
year after year. The city can, and
has, agreed to give the land and
the water. The city administration
does not feel that it can accept
the contingent liability of perma-
nent care of the field, although
some supplies and labor might be
given later.

The attitude of the school dis-
trict is not known. School costs
have risen so greatly that the di-
rectors are hard put to find mon-
ey enough to keep school without
maintaining fields. Perhaps it
could do it. If so, the major prob-
lem is solved.

Success of the venture will not
come from giving the responsi-
bility to any group or any public
body, city, county or school dis-

Kelly's Column

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which may be accounted for by
several wholly legitimate reasons,
but what is causing a headache is
the fact that use of the large de-
nomination bills has increased by
more than 100 percent. The answer
which most readily suggests itself
is the growth of black market
transactions, the operators of
which are reluctant to use
checks because of the ease by
which they may be traced. There
have been many arrests for black
marketing in sugar, gasoline and
liquor, but it is admitted that they
touch only the fringe of such ille-
gal operations.

Members of congress from dairy
states profess alarm over recent
trade reports showing increased
use of margarine by American
housewives. It is feared it may be
difficult to wean them away from
the butter substitute after the war.
Because of war food administra-
tion purchases for the armed forces
and OPA rationing the use
of butter has shrunk from the 1940
average of 16.9 pounds per capita
to 10.5 pounds in 1945. In the same
period use of margarine has in-
creased from an average of 2.4
pounds to 4.3 pounds. It is expected
that new demands upon con-
gress will be made by the dairy
industry for legislation calculated
to afford greater protection
against this competition, and no
one can guess what the public re-
action might be.

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BUY EXTRA BONDS 5% WAR LOAN

True courage and courtesy go
hand in hand. The bravest men
are the most forgiving and the
most anxious to avoid quarrels.
—Thackeray
trict. Success will come if the field
is made a community endeavor
that everyone will aid. There will
be lawn to mow, weeds to pull and
cut, grass to replace, leveling to
do, and often there will be actual
out of the pocket costs. It will
have to be everyone's field in which
each can take pride. Boundaries
of that community should be the
boundaries of the county. It should
be available for all suitable events
for any local group.

Otherwise the burden of it will
become too great and the field will
be an eyesore for which we will
have to make apologies. That is
the fear that the more conserva-
tive feel. They have a precedent to
strengthen their fear. We feel
that the future of the park should
be assured now, instead of leav-
ing that serious problem to the
chances of time to come.

In Other Days

From the Observer, April 16, 1926

Gravel is being hauled from the
county rock crusher and placed
upon the streets of More leading
from the business section. When
the work is completed nearly all
of the principal streets will be
surfaced.

Moro confectionery has had the
front entrance to the store build-
ing remodeled. The front entrance
has been changed to conform with
the two sides of the building at
the entrance, giving considerable
more space to the interior.

The old Wasco County Pioneer
association will hold the fifth an-
nual reunion on Saturday, May 1,
at the civic auditorium in The
Dalles.

G. A. Sargent has replaced his
Delco farm lighting plant with a
Kohler power and light plant
purchased this week from M. R.
Schadewitz. The new plant is a
1500 watt capacity outfit and cap-
able of handling all demands of
light and power usually met with
on a farm.

From the Observer, April 14, 1945

Born to Mr and Mrs George
Hennagin, Friday morning, a 9
1-2 pound boy; Dr. Poley attend-
ing.

The stork left a 9 1-4 pound
boy, Thursday evening, at the
home of Mr and Mrs T. C. Lee, Dr.
Poley attending.

F. A. Sayrs is building a 2-ft.
high concrete wall, to be topped
with an iron fence, on the front
and side of his McCoy street res-



From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Lud Denny Solves
the Locust Problem

Lud Denny may not be much of
a farmer, but most folks allow
he's pretty smart at solving
other people's problems. Like
Alvin Blake's locusts.

For years Alvin has been try-
ing to get rid of a grove of lo-
custs. They aren't using up any
good land, but they annoy Alvin.
Every time he cuts them down,
up they shoot again.

"What'll I do about them lo-
custs?" Alvin asks Lud. "Well,
if you can't get rid of 'em," says
Lud, "I'd say you better get to
like 'em."

From where I sit, that's sound
philosophy—applied to people
just as much as locust trees. You
can't always change folks to
your way of thinking—some
may prefer beer to buttermilk,
or a double harness to a single
one—but you can get to like
them (if you take the trouble).

And first thing you know, the
little differences don't matter.

Joe Marsh

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1 long-
3 short

Along the Union Pacific main line—
between stations—a signal flashes red.
The train slackens speed and stops.
The engineer grabs the whistle cord...
one long and three short blasts. That's a sig-
nal to the flagman. It is his duty to give
adequate warning to any train following.
To do so, he walks a sufficient distance
to the rear to insure full protection.

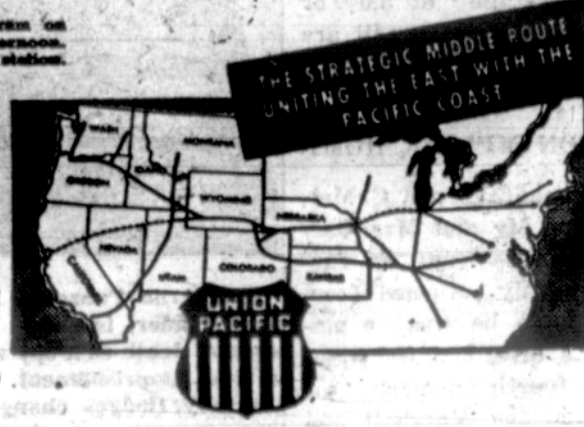
This is one of the many precautionary
measures taken by Union Pacific—and
other railroads—to protect passengers
and freight shipments.

Safe transportation becomes increasingly
important in wartime. Trainloads of
troops and essential materials are con-
stantly on the move over Union Pacific's
Strategic Middle Route uniting the East
with the Pacific Coast.

Just as the flagman protects his train, so
is it the job of all Americans to provide
for future security by buying bonds and
saving them. Thus we can help stabilize
industry and encourage the American
trait of individual enterprise and initiative.

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