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**PENSION BILL**

Many persons over the state are gravely concerned over the possible passage of the bill to create an "Old Age and Disability Pension Fund" that is on the ballot next month.

It seems only a possibility from this position. True a similar bill came near to passage two years ago at which time the record of Sherman county against it was the best in the state. No responsible group, or any group acquainted with the mere rudiments of economics favors the bill. Organized labor, farm organizations, business and professional groups all oppose.

For it are the Townsend people, with whose economic position one can be more sympathetic than with their economic ideas.

The bill would levy a tax of three percent on "gross income" of every person, firm, association, co-partnership or corporation residing or doing business in Oregon. Gross income, however, is defined as the "gross receipts of the taxpayer." That makes it a much stronger tax, for gross income in taxation usually permits subtraction of cost of goods bought and often some expenses of doing business. This one does not and is therefore a sales tax masquerading as something else.

Section 4 goes on to enumerate the things on which the tax would be levied. "Gross receipts of the taxpayer received as compensation for personal services and the gross receipts of the taxpayer derived from trade, business, commerce, or the sale of tangible property and including interest, dividends, discounts, rentals, royalties, fees, commissions, bonuses, or prizes or any other emoluments however designated and without any deduction on account of the cost of property sold, the cost of material used, labor cost, taxes, royalties, interest or discount paid or any expenses whatsoever."

Under such a bill no one could transact business except on a very limited basis. Wheat, for instance, is handled five or six times from the farmer to the consumer. The tax would be over 15 percent. No baker could operate near the border of the state and farmers would have to sell someplace else or else pay the tax.

One of the pitiful things of recent years is the success of those charlatans who use a perverted notion of basic economics to prey on the elders of the state who so earnestly desire to achieve financial security in their old age. This bill is an example.

It should be beaten by an overwhelming vote so that old people will not again be mulcted for campaign expenses to put so foolish a bill on the ballot.

**THOUGHTS OF THE FAIR**

A few rambling thoughts about the 1946 fair seem pertinent although there seems no particular place for them:

This was a quiet fair. There wasn't even a yelling. Less liquor was sold in September than in August and at the grounds there wasn't enough to keep the boys from shivering. A part of this was due to the very fine conduct of the rodeo performers who came with Mack Barbour. They were the most gentlemanly bunch to perform here.

One might presume that bronc riding was a sporting event of sorts. That riding the horse was an end in itself and that all else was put into oblivion. In the amateur days that might have been so; now performing in a rodeo is a professional job. The boys ride for money. Success is judged by the size of the check and not by the conquering of some bawling beast with mayhem in his backbone. So goes another sport into the commercial world to join horse racing, football, baseball, bridge.

The men who came to auctioneer and manage the Midco sale were unanimous in their praise of the fine quality of beef cattle in Sherman county. C. W. Hickman, the judge from the University of Idaho, whose decisions met with almost unanimous ap-

proval, told the crowd that development of these calves and of the boys and girls with them was a "worthwhile endeavor and one that will pay dividends as much as anything you can do." He said that this was a good 4-H show because the stock was good to the last calf, not with a few good calves and the others mediocre.

Every change, whether in major or minor things, brings new problems with it. As far as the announcing system change was concerned some of these were remedied the second day. However the need for a communication system that will include every building on the grounds is more apparent every year.

The east wind of Saturday cost the fair board a nice piece of change as was apparent Sunday when the stands did not fill up as well as they should considering that Sunday was a well high perfect fall day.

**NUERNBERG TRIAL**

The Nuernberg trial is over and a majority of the accused on their way to the gallows. It might have been expected that all of them would be hung, but lack of evidence or political acumen prevented.

Some day it may be possible to correctly assess the effect that this trial of enemy leaders will have on the future of mankind. Now there is no basis on which to place judgment. It may result in the complete eradication of leaders of small states, who have heretofore been treated with some regard even in defeat.

If we establish the principle of trying our conquered enemy leaders by our own courts the Turkish president may soon be hanging from a pole along the Dardanelles, and the bodies of the Finnish leaders may be frozen stiff in a winter breeze. It depends on who does the trying. We used our own method and other victors may well use theirs.

Regardless of pious pratings to the contrary, might still makes right in international relations. We have succeeded in establishing our idea of justice on the Germans. We see no wrong in that or we hall our idea of justice as far superior to that of the Germans—or of anybody else. We are as certain about that as Germans and Russians are certain that theirs is superior to ours.

We feel so sure that our method of government is better than that of any other peoples that we are trying to force it on all other nations. We recently fought a long war against other people who felt the same way about their method of government. Our might prevailed. Therefore, we may reason, our method is correct.

With only two powerful nations left in the world it is possible that lesser nations will have to agree to one or the other of two types of government. Neither may be well adapted to peoples or conditions in the lesser nations.

One thing, however, may be said for the trials; it was an experiment. With sufficient caution, and sufficient national morality (if there be such a thing) it may become an instrument for good. Without care the principle can lead to additional oppression.

**In Other Days**

From the Observer Oct. 4, 1907  
Henry Demoss sold 21½ acres of hay at \$10 per ton, netting him nearly \$25 per acre.

Miss Minnie Elcock leaves for the Rose City Monday, where she will enter college for a course of commercial study.

The first Colanthe colt foaled in Sherman county, the property of Chris Anderson, died from overfeeding at 9 months. It was a beautiful colt for which Mr Anderson had refused \$100 two weeks before.

From the Grass Valley Journal October 5, 1917

A. S. Johnson is now drilling a well for Arthur T. Holt.

In the 15 year ago items Sept. 1902: Grass Valley is well represented in our city this week, there being a large crowd to prove up on their timber claims: Chancey Heath; Elmer Heath, Caleb W. Curl, Rufus H. King, S. M. Bailey, M. J. Taylor, D. H. Curl, E. J. Heath, S. A. Glesing, L. A. Heath, M. M. Heath, M. A. Pottinger, Cassie Heath and M. E. Curl—Crook County Journal.

Funeral for Dr. C. R. Rollins was held at the Crandall parlors September 29th, with burial in the I.O.O.F. cemetery at The Dalles. Dr. Rollins took up a homestead in 1878, a portion of which is now Grass Valley and at that time only 42 white people lived in the now Sherman county boundary.

From the Observer, Oct. 7, 1927  
Miss Zella Burnet and Mrs. Karl Schade left last Saturday for



Portland where they will spend the winter months. Miss Burnet will attend business college and Mrs. Schade will take training in expert ladies hairdressing work. A marriage license was issued to Rev. F. R. Jackson and Nettie May Fridley Wednesday and the ceremony solemnized the same evening. Rev. Jackson is the returning pastor in charge of the Methodist church at Wasco and the bride a daughter of G. C. Fridley.

Mrs. V. M. Hennagin and daughter, Maggie, who have been visiting in and near Moro the past ten days, left this week for Maryhill to visit with J. M. Johnson and family and from there to White Salmon to visit William Rudolf and family, before returning to their home in Portland.

School children will have a holiday next Monday and Tuesday when all teachers go to the annual institute which will be held in The Dalles those days. William Winter, radio commentator, will speak at 10 o'clock Tuesday and the banquet for teachers will be held Monday night.

**Lay On, MacDuff!**  
We still like the story about Uncle Ben, a small business man, who sold out lock, stock and barrel. He soon reinvested his money in a skunk farm. Upon taking possession of his new business venture Uncle Ben sez:  
"Now maybe the government will keep it's nose out of my business."

We noticed by the papers where they have invented a glass that will bend.  
"That's just ducky," sez Bush Osborne. "Now we can wring out the bottles."

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**From where I sit ... by Joe Marsh**

**Bert Childers and the Melon Patch**

Bert Childers put an ad in the Clarion the other day. Here's what it said:

"Planted more melons than I can eat this year. Stop by and pick as many as you want. All free."

As you can guess, plenty of folks sent their kids over and plenty of the parents came too. Stripped Bert's melon patch in no time. And as they went away, Bert treated the kids to lemonade, and offered the grownups a glass of ice-cold sparkling beer.

Naturally it puzzled some folks ... but Bert explains: "It gives me a kick to share things when I can afford to—whether it's the melons, or the lemonade, or beer. I guess I just like to indulge my whims."

From where I sit, if we had more "self-indulgent" people like Bert—who believe in share and share alike, live and let live, this tired world would be a whole lot better off!

*Joe Marsh*

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affairs committee now touring in the Pacific express alarm over conditions as they have found them. The junketing lawmakers in interviews, considered the Russians had too large a military force—several times larger than the American forces in the area—and they could not understand why Russia had such a large personnel at their embassy, far larger than any other country.

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All persons having claims against the Estate of Clyde E. Smith, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administratrix of the Estate of Clyde E. Smith, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to wit: September 27, 1946.  
Mary E. Smith  
Administratrix

T. Lester Johnson  
Attorney at law  
Moro, Oregon  
47-50c

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All persons having claims against the Estate of William G. Macnab, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the Estate of William G. Macnab, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: September 27, 1946.  
Ronald S. Macnab  
Administrator

T. Lester Johnson  
Attorney at law  
Wasco, Oregon

**Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.W.**  
Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting Members Invited—Moro, Oregon  
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**Jerry Barnett**

Members of the house committee said Alaska should be well fortified and America should have air bases in the Pacific. When the representatives return to Washington, which will probably be in January, a report on their observations will be expressed on the floor which is the usual procedure. At that time, a debate can be expected on why Mr. Roosevelt, without the action of congress, "gave" the Kuriles to Stalin.

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