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SHERIFF'S POSSE

An entertainment feature of the Sherman county fair that probably required more hours of work than any other was the drill of the Sheriff's Posse, renamed and reorganized from the Sherman County Riders.

On each program day the posse gave an eleven minute drill that was complicated at least as far as the spectators were concerned. Getting through the drill with each horse in place didn't seem to bother the posse members.

For some of the members of the posse their appearance before the fair crowd was the end of four months practice. Illness among the mounts at one time seemed about to cause disbandment, but by perseverance of the leaders the drill was perfected.

Members of the posse are likewise responsible for the heavy coating of sawdust in the arena. It was hauled from The Dalles in trucks donated by members of interested persons and certainly it made the program much more enjoyable for those in the grandstand.

TEACHER'S BILL

Probably the most important bill the people will vote on in November is the so-called basic school bill. It is really a recurrence of the attempt of the organized school teachers of Oregon to get more salary.

Under the bill the legislature would be directed to levy a tax equal to \$50 per census child and to distribute it annually, "in the manner to be provided by law, to equalize educational opportunities and conserve and improve the standards of public elementary and secondary education throughout the state."

The entire fund, which would exceed \$15,000,000 the first year, would be outside the six percent limitation. Other functions of the state would come second to this fund.

There seems a reasonably valid argument that more money must be spent for schools in Oregon. Teachers wages have gone up rapidly along with other wages and educational leaders say the quality of teachers is going down. The theory of this bill is that

more money eventually will produce better teachers.

A fund of \$35,000 has been raised to aid the passage of this measure. Who is footing the bill is not yet known.

It is now pretty certain that if this bill passes the levy on property will go on next year. It is probable that the entire 14 mills will be needed for state expenses will be higher on other items. The average consolidated levy in Sherman county is 19.7459 mills this year. Add 14 mills to that and the levy would be 34 mills.

Because Sherman county has the highest valuation per school child in the state it would receive the smallest percentage of what it paid under this bill than any county in the state. On 1945 census pupils and valuation Sherman county would pay in \$111,935.68 and would receive \$20,350. Our school taxes would be more than doubled, with an 18.2 percent return on the total amount added.

Even so, if the pupils in this county could be given that much more education there would be little complaint at the taxes. There is no assurance that this is possible. Although the bill proposes to equalize educational opportunities no provision is made for it. Probably there will never be. Neither elementary nor high school pupils in Sherman county are going to have equal educational opportunities with those of the big cities, no matter what fine wording is put in a bill. It is a false hope.

What will be equalized is the tax. We can contribute some \$90,000 to education in other counties if we want to. Yet if we spent a half of it here we would achieve more good for ourselves.

Equalization of a property tax in Oregon will always work a hardship on agricultural counties. The ratios whereunder the state tax commission tries to equalize the load of state taxes cannot be justified. Land that produces as much as \$1000 in crops each year is valued at around twice the land that produces \$30 of wheat per year (average for two years).

Some districts do have to levy a tax greater than the six percent limitation will permit. If this bill is passed it will mean that the entire state has passed an appropriation over the six percent limitation, a much more serious matter than some school districts doing so.

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Although the bill says that taxes on net incomes are to offset the levy, that will be impossible. If the bill passes there will be a levy on property unless the people vote some new and additional tax. The property owner will then be paying for education his children cannot enjoy. The vote should be 317 X NO.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, October 22, 1946 at the hour of 10 a.m., I will sell at public auction one white faced heifer, three years old, at the Earl Oids farm, five miles east of Grass Valley to pay for pasture and feed costs. 49-50c Norman E. Fields, sheriff.

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

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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

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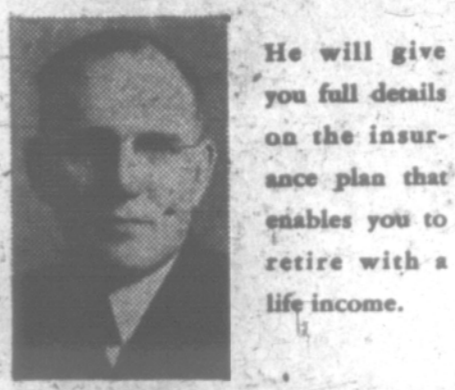
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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Are Returning Veterans "Different"?

During the war you heard a lot about how hard it was going to be for returning veterans to get adjusted to civilian life... how they'd be "different."

Well, plenty of them have returned to our town, and a finer, staidier bunch you couldn't ask for. Most of them are back at the same jobs... going with the same nice home-town girls (getting married, some of them, and setting up families)... renewing the same old friendships.

Even their amusements are the same. Nothing more exciting than fishing Seward's creek or pitching horseshoes... enjoying an outdoor barbecue with friendly wholesome beer and pleasant talk.

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Defeat THIS CRACKPOT NEW INCOME TAX Don't let Oregon be the "Guinea Pig" for a Fantastic Tax Plan that Dr. Townsend himself once "unalterably opposed" as unsound! BEWARE! There is a measure on the November 5th ballot designed "To Create State Old Age and Disability Pension Fund" that would levy a 3% Tax on all Gross Wages, Salaries, Sales of farmers, wholesalers, manufacturers and retail business, and earnings on investments and life insurance benefits above \$100 a month. It's in addition to all other taxes, both state and federal. It would require new and additional monthly income tax reports. It would not repeal any other taxes. It is a special purpose tax to give everybody \$100 at 60 whether in need or not. It would not be used for any other State function unless there is a surplus after paying everyone at 60—\$100 a month. It would cut your take-home pay. It would pyramid on many products and operations. It would wreck Oregon economy. VOTE IT DOWN! No other State has it. Oregon is being made a "guinea pig". VOTE 315 X NO Oregon is steadily increasing its old age assistance payments and is now among the first six states in this respect. Keep this plan progressing and sound. Don't let a crackpot measure imperil what old people in need now receive! Read this from the measure: SEC. 3. In addition to all other state taxes and excises there shall be levied, collected and paid each month beginning with the month of July, 1947, a tax of 3 per centum of all the gross income of every person, firm, association, co-partnership or corporation, residing or doing business in Oregon, derived from any and all sources excepting such income as is exempted from state taxation by the constitution and laws of the United States and except such income as is specifically exempted in Section 5 of this Act. SEC. 4. For the purpose of this Act the term "gross income" means the 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 or intangible property and including interest, dividends, discounts, rentals, royalties, fees, commissions, bonuses, or prizes or any other emoluments, however designated, and without any deductions on account of the cost of property sold, the cost of materials used, labor cost, taxes, royalties, interest or discount paid, or any other expenses whatsoever. Paid advertisement—Committee Against New 3% Income Tax, 425 New Fliedner Building, Portland, Oregon. Mr. E. A. McCormack, Eugene, Chairman; Walter W. R. May, Oregon City, Secretary. Beware this title VOTE 315 X NO To Create Old Age and Disability Pension Fund