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TAX PROPOSALS

Suggested changes in Oregon's tax system are contained in the report of the Tax Study commission this week. It will not be an easy report to digest. Into it has gone many hours of work, and many hours of argument—although none of the recommendations received unanimous approval. Had the members of the commission only incorporated the things upon which they agreed the report would have been shorter and simpler. Also it would probably have met with more agreement from the public.

Probably the most controversial part of the report is that having to do with abandonment of the personal property tax and substitution thereof of a business tax together with some amendment to the excise tax.

The personal property tax is of varying value in each county, being very high in the stock counties. Nearly all personal property has already been removed from the tax rolls, all that remains being used for business purposes. A business tax would reach the personal property of those able to turn personal property several times a year, who now obtain practical tax equality with those who turn stocks of goods but once or twice a year. Investigations made indicate that agriculture would pay a smaller tax than at present although some kinds of gariculture would pay more.

If all the tax recommendations were adopted it would probably mean that farmers in this area would pay more taxes in good times and less in poor times. The business tax would take more from large crops at high prices and a great deal less from poor crops. Abandonment of the real property tax for state purposes would make present tax relief permanent.

There is a definite move to relieve counties and cities from some of their burdens of taxation, and the people, through their votes, have made it necessary to send state tax money back to school districts.

It is unfortunate that this report has been so long delayed. There have been several reasons for that delay, disagreement, election, extra work. It will probably not be sufficiently understood so that much of it will be adopted at the coming legislative session. But in that it contains a germ of a more modern tax system, better balanced than the one we now have; and that it follows the trend of thought of the more responsible thinkers, it will eventually have an effect on Oregon's tax plan.

HERE'S YOUR HAT, MR. DE VOTO

When Bernard DeVoto, Utah born writer for Harpers, says of the west that gambling is wide open and that "No town is too small to have a combination luncheon, bar, and gambling joint where a fish-eyed house man sits at his frowzy table dealing for a handful of customers—a couple of high school girls, a couple of phony cowpokes and a couple of real ones," he may arouse no more than the fleeting anger of small town citizens where there are neither gambling houses nor bars.

Those who read his estimate of the west will consider that Mr. DeVoto has been long gone from his native state, that his trip was brief and his judgments necessarily hasty. Although Mr. DeVoto didn't mention it westerners are rather more generous of easterners who come to scoff than are easterners of Europeans who come to write bitter pieces about Americans as a result of a whirlwind tour. But when DeVoto says of western women—"I should like to speak more agreeably of western women and girls—to call them buxom, deep-breasted, strong-thewed, fit to be the mates and mothers of big men. Mathematics forbids too high a percentage of them are just fat. Overeating gives them thick ankles, cylindrical calves, big behinds, wide

waists, heavy breasts. They must be the bulwark of the corset industry, but all in vain," he goes much too far for forgiveness.

Coming from the east where heavy boned immigrants have bequeathed their stocky figures to the population, Mr. DeVoto was singularly unobserving on his flying trip west. One who goes through our western state and finds nothing but "Thick ankles, cylindrical calves" and the rest of it, has indeed been unfortunate or lacking in the natural and pleasant masculine curiosity about such things.

An observer who finds gambling dens and bars where there are none, and overlooks pulchritude where there is plenty is not exactly a normal person and perhaps it would be just as well if he remains back in old Massachusetts where readers are probably more concerned with his entertaining style than with his offensive inaccuracies.

THE WEATHER

Undoubtedly this kind of weather is going to change. We cannot expect to have warm rains and booming west winds all winter even if a part of December does come up to those specifications.

Farmers who put their wheat in deep and who have watched it with fear and trembling since September will be most happy over the balmy December weather that gives the grain an added chance. Maybe it won't come any way but it had an opportunity.

An optimist who lives but one day at a time and looks cheerfully on the cloudy skies and spattering rain in his shirt sleeves can feel content that another day has gone by without freezing temperature and heavy snow. The pessimist must feel that compensation will come in sooner or later and these warm days will have to be paid for in chilly misery before the spring comes to the land.

Stories of pussy willows out over most of the state do no good to the pessimist who feels that prophesy has never rested in the pussy willow, an ambitious bud that represents immortal youth and is often mistaken in its judgment of the weather.

Had it been cold there would have been more criticism of John Lewis and his miners who were recently refusing to dig the coal we need to withstand cold weather. But with apparent spring about us, we could be more tolerant of John L., who had he read the Bible as carefully as he is said to read Shakespeare, would have remembered that line about the haughty spirit and the fall more quickly.

But the weather is well nigh perfect for early December, or has been, for this is history we are writing, not prophesy. And we would be pleased if the pussy willows are right for once and that the winter is going to be such that they can continue on to full bloom by ground hog day.

The United States is selling 35 Liberty ships to France for \$550,000 or about a third their cost. France will probably pay about a third of the bill. Such things are considered necessary in international affairs and we wish we could find a company that wanted customers half as bad as does the United States. We'd buy and buy and buy.

John Dewey, 87, philosopher married a widow of 42. Great are the uses of philosophy.

In Other Days

From the Observer Dec. 16, 1927 Local huntsmen who had signed up for the sparrow hunt met Wednesday evening and elected George McDonald and Henry Barnum, as the men to captain the opposing sides in the contest for points.

Mr and Mrs W. B. Craig from Clarinda, Iowa, were visiting in Moro this week at the Jas. Woods home. They were on their way to Vancouver, Washington to spend Christmas with their son. Mrs Craig is a niece of Mr Woods. Chas. Bullard is well pleased these days because of a 296 foot deep well he has just had drilled on his farm.

Ray Williams last Friday night upset the car he was driving near DeMoss park, the result of a collision with a good sized calf. Neither the car nor Williams was seriously injured.

Mrs J. C. McKean entertained December 12 with a 500 party in honor of the birthday anniversary of Mr. McKean and his twin brother H. R. McKean of Wasco. C. V. Belknap was awarded first prize and G. A. Meloy consolation for the men; Mrs Robert Urquhart first prize and Mrs Anna Ellsworth consolation for the women.

Mr and Mrs C. G. Silvers announced the marriage of their daughter, Evelyn to Hugo Vonderhagen of Medford, December 12th.

Wasco Women Have Party For Christmas

The Wasco Women's Study club met Friday at the home of Mrs Earl Richelderfer. Mrs W. W. Harper had charge of the program and gave an interesting talk on Christmas Cards from the beginning of time until the modern times. Dainty refreshments were served in the late afternoon.

The Pythian sisters of Wasco motored to The Dalles Monday evening and put on the floor work. Three new members were installed. Going from Wasco were Mrs Andrew Shearer, Mrs T. L. Fields, Mrs H. H. Brackett, Mrs L. E. Dehler, Mrs Curt Tom, Miss Olive Robinson, Mrs Belle Clothier and Mrs Joe Hilderbrand.

Alfred P. Kelly and John Williams of Portland were weekend guests of Mr and Mrs T. Lester Johnson and enjoyed the hunting season.

Mrs A. J. Grosscup of The Dalles is the houseguest of her daughter and son in law, Mr and Mrs T. Lester Johnson.

Mrs J. C. McDermid entertained the Tillicum club Thursday afternoon at her country home. A 1:30 dessert luncheon was served. Three tables of bridge were in play. High scores for club going to Mrs T. L. Fields and low to Mrs S. J. Brock, guest prize to Mrs L.

—Buy Christmas Seals—

E. Dehler high score and Mrs Kenneth Blau low. The tables were centered with large baskets of yellow chrysanthemums. Mrs H. A. White entertained her Tuesday contract club. A 1:30 dessert luncheon was served followed by two tables of cards. High score was won by Mrs F. S. Lamborn. The tables were centered with pink chrysanthemums in silver vases and pink table covers.

Mr and Mrs H. A. White left Sunday for Hermiston and were overnight guests of Mr and Mrs Walter Maffie. They went on to Spokane, Washington on a business trip.

Mr and Mrs H. M. Zell are visiting in San Francisco, California and Yosemite and are expected home Monday.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Charles S. Fulton were Dr. William West of Goldendale, Wash., Charles Hughes, Mr Armbt and Mr Grahes of Portland.

Mrs Lena Shepperd of New York is a houseguest of her cousins, Mr and Mrs G. A. Sargent.

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Mr and Mrs G. A. Sargent entertained Saturday evening with a six o'clock dinner honoring their cousin Mrs Lena Shepperd of New York. The following guests were present Mr and Mrs Harry VanGilder, Mr and Mrs Arthur VanGilder and son, Mr and Mrs Raymond VanGilder, and niece Judy Buck, Mr and Mrs Darwin VanGilder, Vernon VanGilder, and John and Olive Robinson.

On the evening of December 6, several members and friends of the Church of Christ gave a surprise reception for the newly located ministers, Mr and Mrs F. Claude Stephens. Undetected, the group assembled on the front porch of the parsonage, the doorbell rings and all enter, singing a merry song. A full evening is most pleasantly passed amid games of guessing and of skill. Light refreshments were served closing a happy event.

Mrs Vernon VanGilder and daughter, Emmajean, are visiting in Portland.

Miss Olive Robinson was hostess to a Sunday dinner honoring Mrs Lena Shepperd of New York, guest of her cousin, Mrs G. A. Sargent. Guests were Mr and Mrs G. A. Sargent, Mr and Mrs Raymond VanGilder, Judy Buck, and Mrs Harry VanGilder.

Mr and Mrs F. M. Crews motored to Portland Sunday accompanied by their son, Raymond, who took a plane for Los Angeles, California. He will fly to New York and after spending ten days there, will take a plane for Bombay, India, where he will be for another year. His son, Donald, will make his home with Mr and Mrs Walter Mowrey of Vancouver.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.N. Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays in each Month. Visiting Member Invited—Moro, Oregon Helen Raggles, W. M. Edna Meizer, Secretary

No. 1 Lodge No. 113, I.O.O.F. Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in I.O.O.F. hall transient and visiting brothers are cordially invited to meet with us. Ernest Houston, N. G. A. R. Kessinger, Secretary

Eureka Lodge No. 121, A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings of each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to meet with us. LeRoy Wright, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. L. McLachlan, N.G. Florence Johnston, S.

Mr and Mrs Walter Blau of Portland are visiting their son and daughter in law, Mr and Mrs Kenneth Blau.

Mr and Mrs Carl Tuggle and their houseguests, the former's brother and sister in law of Seattle, Washington left last week to make their home in Seattle.

Sunday dinner guests at the home of Mr and Mrs Ora Workman were Mrs Irene Callaway and son, Lanny, Miss Jean Lang and Miss Clair Ball.

Mrs Sadie Rich was a weekend guest of Mrs Stewart Johnson in Salem.

Miss J. McDepew of The Dalles was a houseguest of Mr and Mrs F. R. Knox last week.

P. G. O'Meara and sons, Phillip, Richard and Patty and Pete and Clem Welk, left Sunday for Seattle, Washington on a business trip they will return Tuesday.

Mr and Mrs John Foss and daughter, Sandra, were Sunday dinner guests of Mr and Mrs J. F. Foss of Moro.

Mr and Mrs George Harris were Sunday guests of Mr and Mrs Fitzpatrick of Parkdale.

A. S. Johnson of The Dalles was a business visitor in Wasco Monday.

Mrs Charles Everett left for Portland Sunday.

Weekend guests at the home of Mr and Mrs S. M. McMullin over the holidays were their daughter, Mrs Donajean Watkins and Stanley Gorch of Portland.

The Tuesday Study club met at the home of Mrs Mackell. A paper on music was given by Mrs Leo Watkins. Refreshments were served and a Christmas box was sent to the children of the Doernbecher hospital in Portland.

Mrs Andrew Shearer was an overnight guest in The Dalles Monday.

Mrs L. E. Dehler is a guest of her daughter and son in law, Mr and Mrs William Alsop of The Dalles.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh A Grand American Tradition The Cuppers had a grand old family reunion last week—for the first time since the war. Big and little Cuppers came, by car and train, from as far west as Nebraska and as far east as Vermont. They crowded Dee and Jane's house, set up quarters in the barns, or stopped with neighbors—and a jollier gathering you couldn't have imagined! I was asked to their final Saturday night supper, when they sang old songs, drank beer and cider, reminisced. Dark Cuppers and blonde ones—Vermont accents and Alabama drawls—doctors and farmers... all with their differences of taste and politics, yet as close and harmonious in spirit as a group could be. From where I sit, it's a great American tradition—not just family reunions, but the ability to get along as one harmonious family, regardless of differences of taste—whether it's taste for politics or farming, beer or cider. Joe Marsh Copyright, 1946, United States Brewers Foundation

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