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SCHOOL BILL

New proposals are being made every day about the way to distribute the \$15,000,000 fund voted by the people in November for aid to schools.

Suggestion has been made that the money be allotted to areas, perhaps along the same lines as the congressional districts.

Multnomah county is in the same position as is eastern Oregon in that it will lose from any kind of equalization.

Roughly if the money were so divided, and if the distribution was made on a days membership basis eastern Oregon would get around 51 cents per day.

Southern Oregon is really the poorest district in everything but pupils. The votes in the house by congressional districts are 16 from eastern Oregon, 14 from the third district (Multnomah) counting one joint, 17 from the first district and 13 from the fourth district.

A bill is being written to keep at least half the money in any county as long as it is raised by property tax. There is no way to apportion income taxes by counties as such records are not kept.

Although the people voted the bill it is unlikely if any method of distribution can be found that will be entirely fair. The state is too large, it is too divergent in areas of school districts, in agriculture, in industry, in costs of education.

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done until the middle of March. Years have been when farmers were plowing on ground hog day, however. Winter this year was delayed in starting but did a pretty good job of being a real winter after it started. It now seems likely that January will turn out to be more winterish than February although for some years February has been equally rough. We could use six weeks more of winter if it brought more moisture, something we seldom have enough of to suit.

WHEAT TAX

Officers of the Eastern Oregon Wheat League have presented a bill to the legislature providing a tax of one half of one percent on all wheat sold into commercial channels. The money would be turned over to a "wheat commission" empowered to use it for the benefit of the industry.

County agents have copies of the bill and many wheat growers have received copies. Others may obtain them on request. Although the wheat league is the accepted spokesman for the grain growers especially of the Columbia basin, there was not a majority of the farmers who grow wheat at La Grande. It behooves the league to sell the plan to a majority of the men who will pay the tax.

In these days when industry and agriculture have both been insistent on getting public money for aid, it is refreshing that a group would vote for a plan to aid themselves. The costs will not be great for any one grower, but the total sum raised would be large enough to permit research along the lines needed. New uses for wheat seems the only way of salvation if surpluses are not to break the market.

Chemurgic programs have been slow. A pilot plant for the manufacture of industrial alcohol can be set up for a small sum, and alcohol has many uses in modern manufacture. It can be burned in tractors; it can be used to make many things.

Lots of American industries are now prosperous that had to find new ways to cut costs or to develop new uses for its products. The world changes and any industry must change with it. We have proven time after time that we can grow more wheat in the United States than we can sell. Unless we find some use for it we will have a low price and farmer support programs that are not successful. If farmers can find their own solution, more power to them. It is much better to search for it now when funds are easily available, than to have to seek it when there is no money to spare.

In Other Days

From the Observer, February 7, 1908.

The Moro Fire Department at a called meeting held in the office of the Eastern Oregon Land Company Monday evening took definite steps towards reorganization on a broader basis than it has been for several years.

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printing office at the direction of the war department. The war department did not consider that it was revealing the vital details of the atomic bomb. Lillenthal thinks otherwise.

As a sidelight on the confirmation of Lillenthal for chairman of the committee. Senator Kenneth McKellar, who thoroughly hates Lillenthal, dug up a witness from TVA who testified that he was threatened that unless he pulled in his horns and stopped criticizing communists he would be in trouble. This was something McKellar enjoyed as it would tend to show that Lillenthal was responsible for any "red" taint in TVA. Although McKellar dislikes the management of TVA—it is said because he could not have TVA five jobs to his political followers—it should be stated that the grouchy senator did more to create TVA than any other man in congress.

I. O. O. F. Hall In Kent Has New Roof

The I.O.O.F. Hall in Kent received a new roofing job Tuesday, February 4. The men of the lodge met and did the roofing job in an all day session.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Wilson and Beaty Kelley were visitors in The Dalles Wednesday, Jan. 29.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Clemens have been visiting with their daughter Mrs. Robert Helyer and her family these past few days.

The Kent Sunday School is being quite active in Kent. The average attendance so far has been 39 persons with a record attendance one Sunday of 45. Plans are already underway for an Easter service and the choir is flourishing and doing its bit toward a better school. Members of the choir are also planning to give a play for the entertainment of the community with a social evening following at some time in the next six weeks.

Rebekah Social Club Card Party will be held February 8, starting at 8 o'clock.

George Wilson and son Bud flew to Portland on business Monday returning in the afternoon.

Lester Wilson drove his truck

CHURCHES

Moro Community Church Sunday School 10:00 a. m. Church Services 11:00 a. m. Sermon Theme: "The Peril of Opportunity." Rev. James K. MacFarlane.

The Grass Valley Baptist Church Sunday School 10 a. m. Morning service 11 a. m. Rev. George W. Kehoe, speaker; evening service 7:30 p. m., subject "The Manner of Salvation," by pastor; prayer meeting at the parsonage: Wed. 7:30 p. m. Choir practice at the church Thursday 7:45 p. m.

Wasco Methodist Church Classes for all ages. Church School 10 a. m. Race Relations Sunday. Topic "Brotherhood — Our Unfinished Task." Morning Worship at 11 a. m. Youth Fellowship 6:30 p. m. followed by a period of recreation. Grass Valley Ladies meet Thursday at the home of Mrs. Schwartz. Carl E. Stierle, pastor.

Christian Science Society Subject of Christian Science Lesson sermon, 11 a. m. "Spirit."

Wasco Church of Christ 10 a. m. Church Bible school, W. D. Watkins, Supt. An opportunity to enjoy the great lessons from the Bible. 11 a. m. Divine morning Communion message — "Our Witnessing for the Christ." F. Claude Stephens, minister.

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

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Irma Johnson, NG Clara Houston, Sec.

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78, O.E.S. Meets Every Second and Fourth Thursdays at 8:00 p. m. Visiting Member Invited. —Moro, Oregon. Genevieve Powell, W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

Moro 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 Wainwright, N. G. A. A. Keesinger, Secretary

WAKE UP, AMERICA! Are We Headed for Socialism? Moderated by FRED G. CLARE Chairman American Economic Foundation

As debated by Dr. Maynard C. Krueger Professor of Economics, University of Chicago; National Chairman of the Socialist Party Laurens Hamilton Farmer Assemblyman, New York State

DR. KRUEGER OPENS: By Socialism we mean the social ownership and democratic control of the material means of production. The criterion of success becomes public service, not private profit. It is not the New Deal but the capitalist economy itself which prepares the way for Socialism. (1) The size of the business unit has grown far beyond the possibility of leaving it entirely under private control. This growth has been partly due to changes in technology. (2) The large corporation has divorced industrial ownership from control and rendered owners functionless. Life ceases soon after functions disappear. (3) Private enterprise has largely abandoned competition in favor of combination and monopoly. The public interest in private corporate affairs is then asserted through increased public control. The private corporation becomes quasi public. (4) Organized labor has now arrived as a permanent power, and already seeks increased voice in management of the economy though yet unwilling to assume full responsibility. (5) Whatever security most people have they now get through public action, not through acquisition of private property. (6) Capitalism gets one more post-war chance to solve the unemployment problem. It will fail. It will then become evident that for many years fundamental forces have been preparing the way for a Socialist economy. The major task is to make sure of its democratic controls.

MR. HAMILTON CHALLENGES: Answering Professor Krueger: (1) Every business operated by government becomes bureaucratic monopoly. (2) Is there anything more functional than the owners of government bonds, who, under Socialism, would be the tool owners? (3) If competition is dead why can we buy increasingly better goods at constantly decreasing prices? (4) If government owned business, it would have to control labor. (5) At least 50,000,000 individuals participate in the private ownership of corporation tools. (6) If private ownership "fails," it will be because government interference makes success impossible. Professor Krueger admits, in his "major task" that "undemocratic Socialism (which is the only kind history records) is always the shoe-horn of dictatorship.

DR. KRUEGER REPLIES: (1) Every large enterprise tends to become bureaucratic. Public controls are the alternative to irresponsible management control. (2) Let functionless bond holders be eliminated by confiscatory inheritance taxes. (3) Technology has thus far improved productivity faster than monopoly has damaged it. Let technology be unshackled. (4) Social ownership by public corporations, or by cooperatives is quite compatible with free choice of consumers' goods, free choice of occupation and freedom of association, though these freedoms would be embarrassing to managers of socialized enterprises, as they should be. (5) If we march free forward into the future of collectivism instead of stumbling backward in it, we can pattern after the cooperatives and TVA instead of the Soviet Union.

to Vancouver, Washington Wednesday, Jan. 29 to assist in moving his brother-in-law Henry Smith and family to The Dalles.

Mr. Edgar Smith of The Dalles spent Sunday at the home of his daughter Mrs. Lester Wilson. The occasion was the birthday of Mr. Smith's granddaughter Karen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wayne Young are now living in Kent. Temporarily with Mr. Young's parents Mr. and Mrs. Grover Young. The young couple were recently married in Chicago.

The Kent Town team won their basketball bout with the Moro team Saturday night on the Grass Valley gym floor after a very fast and exciting game.

Charlie Wicklund was a business visitor in The Dalles Monday, Feb. 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Wilson and Judge Wilson were visitors in The Dalles and Dufur Tuesday, Feb. 4.

From where I sit... by Joe Marsh Lem's Dogs vs Thad's Chickens Running a newspaper, you get to know a lot about human nature. Thad Phipps was in the other day, all burned up. Wanted me to run an item on how Lem Martin's dog had raided his chickens again, and ought to be put away by law. I told him: "Lem was in on Saturday. Said you shouldn't be allowed to keep those chickens so close to his house—and in a residential zone, at that." Thad shuts up right pronto then. And that very evening I see him making his peace with Lem at Andy Botkin's Garden Tavern —over a friendly glass of beer. From where I sit, anyone can find something in his neighbor to complain about. (Some folks may even disagree with Thad's right to enjoy that glass of beer with Lem!) But where would we be if everybody tried to have a law passed against everything they disagreed with? We wouldn't have many neighbors left! Joe Marsh Copyright, 1947, United States Brewers Foundation

NOTICE TO CREDITORS All persons having claims against the Estate of Frankie Powell, 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 Frankie Powell, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, Attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of first publication of this notice, to wit: February 7, 1947. Opal Parkins Administratrix

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