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SALES TAX DEFEAT

The sales tax failed because the people didn't want it. There may come a time when they will accept it, but there will have to be evidence of the state's need instead of prophecies that such a need will arise.

Conditions might occur that will make it mandatory that the state have a new tax. There may be an extraordinary need for more money; there may be a great reduction in income tax returns; property may not be able to make enough income to pay big taxes.

If the well heeled people who worry so much about passing a sales tax would set about studying the Oregon tax situation they might do much good as a smaller expense than footing the bills for a sales tax campaign every two or three years.

Such a study would give some time to the work of the Oregon Tax Study commission, the Grifenhagen report, the studies already made by the state tax commission and to general information about taxation which is rather a broad field. Such study should not be undertaken by men who were already positively about what the solution should be.

If and when the state does need new money from a new source the business tax should be considered. First impression will be against it, but it stands examination. Simplification of Oregon's tax system would make money available that is now useless. The most beneficial effect of economy should not be overlooked.

It is a source of wonderment that so had a bill as the one just defeated could have been concocted in a mere 83 days. It was written by two or three persons and apparently read by no more than that. Even its political parents disowned it in private. Merciful death was the only solution for it.

Oregon could well use a committee that would really study taxes. Members should not only represent property and business but also labor and professions and agriculture, large and small. Tax spending groups should be heard even if not having members on the committee. A tax program could be of great benefit to the state. And, if properly constituted, and properly handled, and a factually based report made, it should be given credence by a majority of the voters. Legislators surely would give ear to a careful study rather than to the usual claims of those who want something for themselves.

Let those who mourn the demise of the sales tax turn their grief to something of solid work; and let those who joy over the election remember that if there was no need for some changes in Oregon's tax system there would be fewer sales tax bills to defeat.

The nonsense that was published in advertisements and pamphlets during the recent campaign was a disgrace to the state. Some place, somehow, we need a body of facts about Oregon, its needs and its taxes. The money that has gone into futile sales tax campaigns would place such information in the hands of every voter, on the desk of every editor, before every service club, in every school room.

Last week was newspaper week and newspapers generally said a few kind words about themselves. Just like insurance people did the week before and like prune growers say on prune week, etc, etc, and its lucky there's only 52 weeks in a year.

It would be comforting to some readers if a newspaper was published that ran just one edition a day and put all the news in that or such part of the news as room permitted. With five to seven editions a day a reader is lucky to get much over half the news these days.

Polls of newspaper readers have shown otherwise, but still it would be a pleasure to pick up a NEWSPAPER, given over exclusively to news. That would mean the end of Little Annie, Joe Palooka, Dick Tracy and the other characters who delight

those with lots of time. That would mean that if a reader wanted to know how to bake a cake or reduce a pound or raise a child or make a dress or learn about New York's night life he would have to buy a magazine or read an ad.

Nuts, sure. People want to be entertained and to read about personal matters much more than they want to be informed. So that's why newspapers are like they are. Still, a NEWS paper would be a good thing for someone to start.

INTERESTING TIMES—BUT RUGGED

History has had but a few periods when the relationship between men underwent much change. Governments have meant much the same to peoples for great lengths of time. We like to think that the last great chance was the advent of what we call democracy, when we said that one man was just as good as another, and that rulers should be subservient to the people and everyone should be allowed to speak as he wished and carry arms if he chose.

That was an ideal for many years. Now it is being some what tarnished in some parts of the world where down trodden people do not like that idea of equality. If, say the Chinese and the Indians and others, men are allowed to gather as much wealth as they can some will be very rich indeed and others so poor they cannot decently exist. That is true.

And communism comes along and promises a form of state security as to a living and a job. And because of better propaganda, communism is crowding out the ideal of democracy among many of the world's poorer peoples. (It isn't a topic that strikes us pleasantly, but the evidence is pretty conclusive.)

Within our own land we have made many changes in our original premise and the strong are being handicapped in favor of the weak in more ways every year. Thinkers wonder how much of freedom we can retain and still not let the strong and ruthless oppress the weak and incompetent.

Admittedly, it is the able, the strong, who make the wheels go round, who bring progress and invention. If they are held in check by government there will be less of progress and achievement. If they are allowed to go unrestrained they will run the whole show and the less competent would soon be serfs.

Communists so restrict the ingenuity of able men that few new things are tried in such countries. The government is too powerful and includes too few men, who make themselves right by force instead of by reason.

Nevertheless there are signs that we are in a period when there may come a change in the relationships between men and government. Russia may not always be able to hold its people in seclusion and in poverty, even though a dictatorship is the kind of government Russians are used to having.

Revolutions in other countries have often been taken over by strong men who established a dictatorship that lasted a few years until the people saw that the fruits of their revolution had disappeared. Napoleon is an example of that. The same thing may happen in Russia.

We will be unduly hopeful if we think that all peoples that struggle to change their relationship will accept our form of democracy. They may take something else—maybe a type of communism.

The unrest in India, the struggle in China, the awakening in Japan, the troubles of Europe will, however, certainly result in some changes of sufficient magnitude to make this one of the periods of great change in the history of man.

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JELLY: Apple - Florence Johnston 1st Mrs J. F. Foss 2nd. Currant - Allie Ruggles 1st; Mrs J. F. Foss 2nd. Blackberry - Mrs J. F. Foss 1st. Strawberry - Millie vonBorstel 1st. Youngberry - Mrs J. F. Foss 1st. Wild Blackberry - Mrs W. L. Hayes 1st.

JAM: Blackberry - Allie Ruggles 1st. Raspberry - Florence Johnston 1st. Mrs Jim O'Meara 2nd. Strawberry - Allie Ruggles 1st. Cherry - Allie Ruggles 1st. Youngberry - Allie Ruggles 1st. Gooseberry - Mrs J. F. Foss. Bosenberry - Florence Johnston 1st; Mrs Jim O'Meara 2nd.

CONSERVE and MARMALADE Prune - Allie Ruggles 1st. Other variety - Ellene Eslinger 1st and 2nd.

BUTTERS: Apple - Ellene Eslinger 1st; Mrs Jim O'Meara 2nd. Prune - Cynthia Bell 1st. Pear - Millie von Borstel 1st.

PICKLES: Dills - Mrs M. A. Bull 1st; Mrs Jim O'Meara 2nd. Mixed - Mrs Orval Ruggles 1st. Mustard -

Mrs Orval Ruggles 1st. Sweet - Mrs W. L. Hayes 1st; Florence Johnston 2nd. Fruit Pickles - Mrs M. A. Bull 1st and 2nd.

WHITE BREAD Mrs Jim O'Meara 1st & Millie McLachlan 2nd.

CAKE: Dark - Millie von Borstel 1st; Nut bread - Mrs Dewey Thompson 1st. Raised Rolls - Mrs Jim O'Meara 1st. Sponge cake - Mrs Millie von Borstel 1st. White Layer Cake - Cynthia Bell. Fruit cake - Mrs Jim O'Meara 1st. Drop cookies - Mrs Dewey Thompson 1st and Ellene Eslinger 2nd. Ice box cookies - Mrs Dewey Thompson 1st.

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In Other Days

From the Observer, Oct 9, 1909 N. W. Silver and son harvested 75 acres, the fall grain making 33 sacks per acre and the spring 11 sacks. They sold for 80 cents.

Little Misses Lotus and Pearlle Hennigan called upon Grandpa Observer with a liberal supply of fruit from their father's orchard.

A. G. Boeson has rented a section of land near Moro and will make this city his home. The report of the WWM Co. bank showed loans and discounts of \$46,722 and deposits of \$101,841.

From the G. V. J. Oct. 11, 1918 Miss Cassie Holmes is a graduate nurse of the class of 1917 and is getting ready to leave for Cantonment on November 1.

Frank Olds has shipped his household goods to Freewater where he will move and begin work in a garage.

The Journal is issued one day early this week to permit the editor to attend the fair three days.

V. B. Eakin went to The Dais Sunday to see his brother, Dell, who can now get around on crutches.

From the Observer Oct 12, 1929 Louis Schadewitz was a visitor in Moro from Kent and says that many farmers there are holding wheat for a higher price.

During the absence of Mr and Mrs Bud McIntyre, Mr and Mrs Aden Axtell will stay on the farm and seed the crop.

Moro defeated Grass Valley 6 to 0 in a hot football game last Friday. Miller, Adams, Burnett, and Pleunke starred for Moro and Payne for Grass Valley.

Vernon Platt was elected commander of Chris Schultz post, American Legion and L. W. Rakes, adjutant.

CHURCHES

Wasco Methodist Church 10:00 a. m. Church School Classes for all ages. 11 a. m. Worship Service 7:00 Youth Fellowship

MORO COMMUNITY CHURCH Sunday School 10 P. M. Subject "Sources of Power" A friendly church invites you. J. MacFarlane, pastor.

Wasco Church of Christ Sermon Topic: "Prayer, The Mightiest Force in the World" Youth Fellowship at two day camp at Camp Wyeth. You are welcome! F. Claude Stephens, minister.

Grass Valley Baptist Church Sunday school 10 a.m., morning worship 11 a.m. Rally and Promotion day. Subject "Judges, As I See Them" Subject "Ten Greatest Men" Howard Schilling, pastor

and 2nd. IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN HUGH A WALKER and JEAN CURTIS, Plaintiffs,

vs GEORGE A. POTTER, as Administrator c.t.a. of the Estate of Eliza J. Dingle, deceased; LESTER BARNUM, as Trustee of the

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

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.

John Lawrence N.G. A. R. Kessinger, Secretary

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

Tureka 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. E. E. Barzee, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

THE WILL OF MARGARET BELL, DECEASED: JOHN A. BELL, LYDIA SMALL, JEAN SMALL, NEWTON SMALL; THE UNKNOWN DEVISEES UNDER THE WILL OF ANNIE McDERMID SMALL, DECEASED; MARGARET KULOW, ERNEST MAYHEW, McDERMID, MAYHEW, THELMA LYNDEN, KATHLEEN MALHEW, MRS ELI WHEELER, MRS MARY McDERMID, MARGARET McLAUGHLIN, LULU JOHNSTON, MAUD McCARL, JENNIE CURRIE, WILLIAM NEIL McDERMID, MARY MARGARET McDERMID, MRS AMELIA McDERMID, JOHN McCARL, DOUGALD McCARL, MALCOLM McCARL, CHARLES McCARL, WILLIAM McCARL, ANNIE McCARL, HARRY McCARL, MARY McCARL, and also ALL PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, INTEREST OR DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE IN OR TO THE TRUST ESTATE UNDER THE WILL OF JOHN D. McDERMID, DECEASED, Defendants.

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION. TO DOUGALD McDERMID, MARGARET VAN PELT, JANET WYMAN, WILENA HOUSTON, ANNIE LANCASTER, FLORA GRIEG, JANET BROWN, ARCHIE McDERMID, ALEXANDER McDERMID, JANET McNICHOE, NEIL McNICHOE, JOHN McDERMID, GRACE McDERMID, MALCOLM McDERMID, DONALD McDERMID, MARGARET BLAU; THE UNKNOWN DEVISEES UNDER THE WILL OF MARGARET BELL, DECEASED; JOHN A. BELL, LYDIA SMALL, JEAN SMALL, NEWTON SMALL, THE UNKNOWN DEVISEES UNDER THE WILL OF ANNIE McDERMID SMALL, DECEASED; MARGARET KULOW; ERNEST MAYHEW; McDERMID, MAYHEW, THELMA LYNDEN; KATHLEEN MALHEW; MRS ELI WHEELER; MRS MARY McDERMID; MARGARET McLAUGHLIN; LULU JOHNSTON; MAUD McCARL; JENNIE CURRIE; WILLIAM NEIL McDERMID; MARY MARGARET McDERMID; MRS AMELIA McDERMID; JOHN McCARL; DOUGALD McCARL; MALCOLM McCARL; CHARLES McCARL; WILLIAM McCARL; ANNIE McCARL; HARRY McCARL; MARY McCARL; and also ALL PERSONS OR PARTIES UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, INTEREST OR DISTRIBUTIVE SHARE IN OR TO THE TRUST ESTATE UNDER THE WILL OF JOHN D. McDERMID, DECEASED, Defendants.

AND if you fail so to appear and answer, plaintiffs for want thereof will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in plaintiffs Amended Complaint herein, to wit:

For a decree of the above entitled Court construing the last will and testament of JOHN D. McDERMID, deceased, and ad-

judging what legatees are entitled to distribution of the trust fund derived from the sale of the real property devised in trust by the said will of JOHN D. McDERMID, deceased, and adjudging the amount of the distributive share to which each legatee is entitled; For a decree adjudging that the one-eighth (1/8) of the residue of said trust fund bequeathed by the will of JOHN D. McDERMID to his brother, ARCHIBALD McDERMID, became a part of and is merged with the five-eighths (5/8) of the residue of said trust fund which is by said will bequeathed to the surviving children of the testator's deceased brother, MALCOLM McDERMID, (except for his son Robert) to the surviving children of the testator's deceased brother, DONALD McDERMID (except his sons Donald and John), to the surviving grandchildren of the testator's deceased sister, JANET McDERMID, to the surviving children of the testator's deceased sister CHRISTINA WALKER, and to the surviving children of the testator's deceased sister, MARGARET McDERMID;

For a further decree adjudging that HUGH A. WALKER and JEAN CURTIS, plaintiffs herein, are each entitled to three thirty seconds (3/32) of the entire residuary trust estate remaining after the payment of the specific legacies payable therefrom and after the payment of the costs and administration of said trust and the costs of this suit charged

against said trust fund by the decree herein. And for a further decree allowing and awarding to the plaintiffs herein their costs and disbursements in this suit together with reasonable attorneys' fees to be paid from said trust fund before distribution thereof; And for a decree directing the defendant, LESTER BARNUM, trustee of said trust fund, to pay therefrom the said expenses, costs and attorneys' fees and to distribute the remainder of said trust fund to the persons and in the proportions adjudged entitled thereto by the Court; and for such other and further relief as the Court may deem meet and equitable in the premises. This summons is published pursuant to order of the Honorable D. N. Mackay, Judge of the above entitled Court, made and entered on the 11th day of September, 1947, directing publication of this summons for four (4) weeks in the SHERMAN COUNTY JOURNAL, a newspaper of general circulation, printed and published in Sherman County, Oregon, the first publication hereof to be made on the 12th day of September, 1947.

Pursuant to Section 9-111 O.C.L.A., as amended by Ch. 233 Or. L. 1947, a copy of this Summons, together with a copy of Plaintiffs Amended Complaint herein, both certified by plaintiffs' attorneys, is being mailed to defendant McDermid Mayhew, the defendant designated by plaintiffs' attorneys, and a copy of this Summons only, certified by Plaintiffs' attorneys, is being mailed to each and every other defendant above named. PLATT, HENDERSON, WARNER, CRAM & DICKINSON, Attorneys for Plaintiffs. P. O. Address: 1115 United States National Bank Building, Portland 4, Oregon.



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