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TAX COLLECTIONS

The Bureau of Census has made a preliminary report on tax collections by states which should interest Oregon taxpayers who are always in a turmoil over taxes anyway. The report indicates why, because it shows that only four states in the union collect more taxes per capita than does Oregon.

Washington is at the top with \$84.05 taken from the citizens and most of that comes from sales taxes, indicative of a very poorly balanced tax system. California takes \$73.19 but only a little over half of that income is from sales taxes. California spreads its tax income over several kinds. Arizona collected \$65.13 and Nevada \$61.19 before getting down to Oregon with \$60.12.

Of the total of \$87,332,000 collected by the state of Oregon over a quarter comes from sales taxes despite the refusal of the voters to sanction a general sales tax. The tax on gasoline accounts for much of it.

Oregon gets more from licenses than does the average state and its death and gift taxes are up to normal for 1947.

There are 48 states that collect sales taxes, no state being entirely without that form of taxation. Thirty one states have an income tax and 33 a corporation tax. Only three states collect no property tax for state purposes. Oregon is one of them, but only high enough to make that unnecessary. Delaware and Oklahoma are the others.

The average collections per capita for state purposes is \$48.66 with the southern states being at the low end of the list. New York has dropped recently to get below the top five with \$59.58.

There is a general rule that more populous states require larger tax levies and that is sometimes given as a reason why Oregon's taxes have been increasing. Yet Connecticut is pretty full of people and gets by with \$46.56 and Ohio collects but \$47.87 and Pennsylvania takes but \$37.80 from each of her citizens. The figures are for 1947.

If Oregon had collected no more than was used its per capita figure would be lower. Property owners, however, have little reason to grieve over the situation as long as the surplus funds are kept for the purpose of offsetting property taxes.

COUNTY FAIR

This week in connection with a letter from former fair board member, Ted Ball, we publish the report of the 1947 fair. It is illuminating in that it shows what the board spent the money for, the whole \$24,000 of it.

That is a lot of money for a county fair and it cannot be expected to go on for long. Even the lush returns from gambling will not make possible a continuance of such spending. Repairs are being made and curtailment will be possible.

The report will not settle all questions about the fair. Apparently in writing it no attempt was made to follow a double-entry system so every expenditure could be checked against some item of income. Some entries are hard to follow.

Sherman countians must decide soon whether they want an expensive fair or one that comes within their means. Receipts at the gate and from other minor items were around \$3700, and the days were fine. Millage and other receipts bring up the income somewhat and the gambling money rolls in abundantly. But all of these cannot long make possible a yearly costs in excess of \$20,000 or half that. Furthermore, some kind of entertainment must be found that costs less than \$5000.

It might occur to the casual reader that some savings could be made, even though the times mitigate against it. Perhaps longer range planning will be possible in the future and consequently less of the expensive last minute hurry. The harried fair board is probably willing to listen to constructive suggestions and the fair needs many of them to long survive.

WAIT BUT A LITTLE

Breathes there a Sherman Countyman with clothes so warm that he for she has not said, "It's a cold spring."

We are inclined to forgetfulness about such matters although the snow and cold do seem to hang on beyond normal expectations this winter season. There have been other cold springs and we mean to check the weather data to see if this one really does beat all for unresponsive chill.

Years ago in what might be recalled as the 'good old days'

so far as one are they, there was a cold spring, a spring in which there was snow every day during April and the wind came biting from the northwest and the mules didn't even shed their hair and the cattle bawled around the straw dumps long after grass should have been green.

There was none of the comfort of a stove during the day, nor was there warmth of heater or transmission. The plow beams were cold and the wind frayed the pant legs.

But always there is an end. Soon will come warmth from the sun and the carrot will begin to root and the radishes will be big enough to eat and the onions fully scented and ready for the table. These early growths will drive the chill out of the system and restore the usual cheerfulness to the mind.

Better go out now to the garden. Perhaps the rhubarb is ready.

In Other Days

From the Observer, May 3, 1929

A daughter was born Sunday morning, April 28, to Mr and Mrs Joe Hilderbrand of Wasco. A medium heavy rain visited Moro and vicinity Thursday morning brightening the fields and the farmers who have been looking for rain.

A car went over the bank and another into the bank when two cars met on a turn on Shearar's grade Sunday afternoon. No one or thing was seriously injured.

From the G. V. J., May 2, 1919

Mr and Mrs J. H. Buker met their son Paul at Portland, Floyd Westerfield arrived home Sunday, Eugene Vintin will probably be home Saturday. Frank Schamel and Oon Buckley are on their way to Camp Lewis and Chas. Davis is due to arrive in New York.

The final teachers institute will be held at the school house May 3rd and townspeople are cordially invited.

From the Observer, April 30, 1909

Speaking of L. L. Preetz' span of \$8000 blacks, W. E. Miller and H. M. Shull have a pair valued at \$12,000.

H. H. White has given up his position as teacher at Grass Valley the better to carry on some experiments in grain culture from seed and instruction furnished him by the USDA.

Charles Boardman bought the old W. F. Weigand farm home of 640 acres and Mr. Weigand got 200 acres near Eugene.

Billboards worry us about the dangers of mixing liquor and gasoline but say too little about the danger of mixing liquor and government.

Edison says in his memoirs that five hours sleep was enough for anyone. Yet the rising generation can stay in bed that long after it is time to get up.



MISSIONARY . . . The Rev. William Leising is one of six Catholic priests who operate radio and weather stations in the icy wastes of Canada's Mackenzie territory. Part of his job is to warn U. S. if an aggressor tries to strike over the polar regions without warning.

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Judge: "Didn't I tell you the Prisoner: "Yes, your honor, but I couldn't make this cop believe it."

TO: The Honorable County Court of Sherman County
We, the members of the Sherman County Fair Association wish to submit for your approval this report of Receipts and Disbursements for the year 1947 (Dec. 1, 1946 to Dec. 30, 1947.)

12-19-46 Sherman Co. Posse & D. Helyer—hay & sawdust	\$ 20.90
3-31-47 Paul Cyphers—hay & concession	32.40
4-15-47 Transfer deposits	174.88
5-8-47 Leota Gavin - paint	195.73
6-26-47 Moro Gr. Growers - gas refund	1.15
8-10-47 J. M. Wilson - paint & rental of spray gun	61.80
8-17-47 Millage	409.20
9-11-47 State racing	7225.00
10-1-47 Bonds	9313.57
10-1-47 Fair gate, entry fees	3781.95
10-3-47 Concession	50.00
11-24-47 State racing	4961.11
12-8-47 Entry fee & concession	29.00
12-12-47 Willy Knighten - 4-H ribbons	9.51
12-1-46 Balance in Bank	6263.02
TOTAL	\$ 33,054.72

*Concession check by F. E. Burch was returned from Gresham Bank. Actual total receipts less \$50.00

DISBURSEMENTS	
Maintenance & repair	8,537.46
Improvement	3,647.49
Labor	2,369.20
1947 Fair	10,203.38
Miscellaneous	666.48
TOTAL	\$25,424.01

Detailed report of disbursements:	
Maintenance & Repair	
P. P. & L. Co.	\$ 364.52
W. R. Reid & Son	92.31
Bob May & Son	4.65
Moro Lumber & Fuel	2273.09
Turn-A-Lum Lumber Co.	50.24
J. F. Foss	6.00
Shell Oil Co.	43.36
W. P. Fuller & Co.	3314.54
R. W. Hughes Feed & Grain	229.28
Misener & Gildner	17.43
Wm. Hayes, cartaker	1800.00
Mileage, caretaker	68.45
Mileage, board members	61.60
Day's Hardware	42.00
TOTAL	\$ 8,537.46

Improvement	
Wasco Co. Grain Growers	364.52
Moro Grain Growers	2741.03
Pacific Merchandise Mart	310.00
Cyclone Fence Co.	9.75
Pasheks Gardens	7.50
The Dalles Lumber Co.	2.00
V. H. Rawson	250.00
Ernest Eshinger	105.00
Sherman Co. Purchasing Fund	61.36
Wm. Hayes	16.50
TOTAL	\$ 3,647.49

Labor	
Labor prior to Fair	1692.55
With-holding tax on above wages	163.65
Labor during Fair	513.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,369.20

1947 FAIR	
Paul May	34.27
The Dalles Breakfast Club	5.70
J. C. Freeman	15.00
Railway Express	123.13
LeRoy C. Wright	30.00
Cash for gates	100.00
Western Union Co.	14.95
Joe Dodd	26.50
Chris Starr	24.00
Helen Cowgill	25.07
A. E. Ragles	150.00
L. R. Armstrong	100.00
Hotel Moro	12.00
E. G. Staats	67.96
Resalia Company	37.13
Fred Ashley	111.00
Albison Portner	636.90
Wheeler	35.00
Fair Publishing House	18.59
Sherman County Journal	239.80
Douma's Grocery	4.08
Moro Variety & Remedy	4.60
Sherman Motor & Equipment	36.95
Program	4972.50
Premiums	1618.90
Races	1605.40
Clarence Cannon	150.00
County Agent Fund	3.95
TOTAL	\$ 10,203.38

Miscellaneous	
West Coast Printing & Binding	54.30
Midco P B A	249.44
State Ind. Accident Comm.	162.86
Oregon Fairs Association	25.90
County Treas.	174.88
TOTAL	\$ 666.48
Total Disbursements	\$ 24,424.01
Bank Balance 12-31-47	7,580.71
TOTAL	\$ 33,004.72

People's Column

To the Editor:

Herewith is a financial statement of Sherman County's 1947 Fair. This was handed to members of the Board by its Secretary at its regular meeting February 21, 1948. Another copy was submitted to the County Court on March 3 in meeting and filed without examination.

I was promised just prior to my resignation from the Fair Board on February 22 that this statement would be published. Having waited patiently, I think I now take the liberty to publish it on my own behalf. As a citizen it is your privilege to examine it if you for there is not money enough to have another fair as expensive as the last one.

You are entitled to an explanation of what happened to money paid in by Midco Purebred Association and later disbursed showing \$249.44 out of fair funds. And to information about receipts from \$111.00 worth of straw from Fred Ashley and a carload of \$40.00 hay was bought before the fair.

Perhaps a budget is indicated for 1948 fair.

Ted M. Ball

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and
CONCRETE WORKER
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BOX 261, MORO, OREGON

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT

Notice is hereby given that Eliza Grace Morrison Huls, Executrix of the Estate of William Morrison, deceased has filed her Final Account in said Estate, and that Tuesday the 25th day of May, 1948, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m. in the County Courtroom in the Court House in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and the settlement thereof.

Eliza Grace Morrison Huls, Executrix
M. W. Wilkinson
Attorney for Estate 25-8c

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as Administrator of the Estate of

Henry I. Savage, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 1948, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the courtroom in the courthouse, in Moro Sherman County, Oregon have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for settlement of said estate.

Fred Cole
Administrator
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Administrator 23-26c

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

NOTICE: There will be a meeting of the County Board of Equalization of Sherman County, Oregon, at the Court House, Moro, Oregon on the second Monday of May, 1948, to publicly examine the Assessment Rolls, correct all errors in valuation, descriptions of lands or other property assessed by me, and it shall be the duty of persons interested to appear at the time and place appointed (appearance is by petition). All petitions must be in writing and verified by the oath of the applicant and filed with the board within the first week it is by law required to be in session.

Bill E. Todd
County Assessor

NOTICE TO ELECTORS

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for the office of senator for the 18th Senatorial District comprising Wheeler, Gilliam and Sherman counties, subject to the will of the Republican voters. If nominated and elected, I will perform the duties of the office to the best of my ability.

STEWART HARDIE,
Condon, Oregon

May, 1948, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the courtroom in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

Wilma Wilde
Administratrix
T. Lester Johnson
Attorney for Administratrix 23-6c

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Account and Report as Administrator of the Estate of Blanche Lovelace Savage, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 12th day of May, 1948, at 10:00 o'clock A. M., of said day, at the courtroom in the courthouse in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Account and Report and for the settlement of said estate.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

Sam's Hens Wear Spectacles!

Yes, it's a fact! Sam's brood of two dozen hens are wearing spectacles—which he bought from a mail-order house in Capitol City.

Sam says it works (and big poultry raisers say so, too). The hens see each other through soft colored glasses, and instead of fighting and picking at each other, they go around placidly, gain weight, and lay more eggs.

Makes me almost wish we could have rose-colored glasses for human beings, too. So that instead of quarreling and criticizing, like we do so much of the time, we'd live and live in contentment.

From where I sit, the human race wastes a powerful lot of time in wrangling over minor issues... whether a man should drink beer or cider... whether a woman should wear slacks or skirts... instead of seeing each other through "spectacles" of tolerance that enable us to live-and-let-live like Sam's brood of chickens.

Joe Marsh

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