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**TAX DECISION**

The supreme court of Oregon has reversed itself in the now famous tax case with a change of opinion by Judges Lusk and Bailey. The new decision will keep the state on a sounder financial basis than would the first one and it will certainly give more confidence to voters. The people voted the income tax as an offset to property taxes. Attempts to pass it by other methods had failed. Perhaps the offset provision could legally be changed by the legislature, or by the court, but it cannot be morally done except by a vote of the people.

Those who mourn because Oregon's tax system is "muddled" (the term Portland papers use) probably do so from lack of understanding. It is simple enough and can hardly be changed much unless the rights of Oregon's voters are abridged.

In Oregon the people must pass on all appropriations above the six percent limitation. In Oregon there can be no emergency tax measures. Those two things do make Oregon's tax system somewhat unusual. But the people here control their taxes above the base plus six percent. And that sounds pretty democratic to us, even if it is unhandy.

The first decision of the supreme court would have permitted the surplus income tax money to go into the general fund and be appropriated by the next legislature. Pressure groups were already organized to get some of the dough.

They can still get some of the money and there are several worthy causes to which it might be put. Among them are higher education which is handicapped by lack of buildings and lack of money for instructors, higher pay for state employees is needed (perhaps a drop in number could be arranged at the same time), state institutions are overcrowded and are in need of more equipment, pension payments must go up as the cost of living rises.

It is almost certain that regular state expenses will use all the money available under the six per cent limitation.

That means that any new appropriations must be submitted to the people. The legislature will have to pass them first unless initiated by the people themselves. Such procedure does slow up and handicap the expenditure of public money. Sometimes that can be bad but more often it is good.

There is no good reason in tax theory why income and excise tax money should be set aside to offset property taxes. The only reason it is done in Oregon is because the people voted it that way. Now the court has upheld that condition. This new decision is proper.

Experience has shown that the voters of Oregon are reasonably generous in providing funds for state institutions. The most recent example is the 10,000,000 for state and educational institutions buildings. A measure will be on the ballot in November to approve a state deficit of some six & a half million dollars and the people will certainly approve of that as well.

**LOSS OF EXPERIENCE**

The tragic death of two members of the Oregon legislature and two others who were almost certain to be members, coming as it did in an accident similar to that which removed the governor, secretary of state and president of the senate, is a blow to state government.

Representatives Snellstrom and Johnson were conscientious and hard working legislators and Snellstrom had many years of experience in lawmaking. Johnson was younger and had one session behind him, a session in which he had distinguished himself for his conservative actions.

The other men were untried in legislative halls but were considered men of ability by their constituents.

New men will be found to replace them, but nothing can replace the experience Snellstrom had gained. Both were from counties containing large educational institutions and were ex-

pected to be leaders in the effort the schools will make to get more money for higher education in Oregon.

Losses of prominent men by plane has been serious in Oregon's government. Air travel is still dangerous, and more so as it kills the prominent and the busy men for they are the ones to whom time is of sufficient importance to be saved by plane travel.

**In Other Days**

From the Observer, Aug. 27, 1909  
The development league has deputized William Raymond to take a series of views of Sherman county which will be exhibited at the Alaska Yukon Pacific Exposition at Seattle.

Isn't the weed law ever going to be enforced in this city and county? And if not, why not? Rufus and Grant school districts have been consolidated and a 5000 school house is to be built at Rufus.

Don Wheat has two 4-horse teams hauling to the Deschutes for Twoby Bros.

From G.V. Journal, Aug. 29, '29  
Engstrom and Blagg and the Bell outfit finished their season Wednesday.

Asa Eslinger and wife came up from Forest Grove Sunday to do some business and some visiting. Shelby Dugger has bought the J.B. Coon outfit and rented the ranch.

The proposed bank in Kent will not now be opened until in the spring.

From the Observer, Aug. 30, '29  
There were 32 people gathered at the J.H. Wilson home Sunday to honor the birthday of Joe Gregg, brother in law Mr. Wilson who has been visiting here this summer.

Art Barzee and Bill Brinkert moved their harness horses to Goldendale where they will compete at the fair.

Three different orchestras will play for dances for the American Legion during the fair.

**Victor Peterson Resigns Job**

The resignation of Victor G. Peterson, Secretary-Treasurer of the Dalles National Farm Loan Association for a number of years, was announced by W. H. Ragsdale, president, today. Mr. Peterson will remain in The Dalles and engage in the sale of real estate.

His successor will be Thomas P. Bays of Medford, who has held the position of secretary-treasurer of the National Farm Loan Association there. The effective date of the change will be September 15th.

**OLD AGE PAYMENT SHOULD BE CHECKED**

Checking on your old-age and survivors insurance account is a good deal like having your bank account balanced and is just as good business. This was the advice of Vernon A. Welo, manager of the La Grande office of the Social Security Administration, in reminding workers of this free service of his agency.

"We urge all workers to check at intervals on their account," Mr. Welo explained, "so that they may be sure of receiving credit for all wages they earn. We take every precaution to insure the accuracy of our records but faulty reporting by employers still causes trouble. Most errors on reports are due to mistakes in the worker's name or account number or to failure to show any number. Sometimes the wrong amount of wages is reported and occasionally no report at all is made."

Mr. Welo pointed out that there is no charge for furnishing wage statements and that any worker can obtain one merely by sending in a request card. These cards, called Form OAR-7004, can be secured by writing, telephoning, or calling in person at the La Grande office. The address is Observer Building, La Grande, and the telephone number is 786.

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**Wasco School Opens Sept. 7**

Mrs. Ted Everett  
Wasco school will start September 7, it was announced by Jim Riskowsky this week. We will have a cafeteria this year and it should be in operation by the second week of school. This will make it possible for the school children to have a hot lunch at a reasonable price. Full details will be given later, when the cafeteria is ready for operation. Mr. Riskowsky is in Portland this week to complete arrangements for equipment and to complete the teaching staff.

Walter Govro, aged 70, passed away in a hospital in Portland last Saturday August 21st after a brief illness. He had been in Wasco the week end before visiting relatives. Mrs. Alice J. Lam-born left Sunday to go to Portland to attend the funeral, which was held Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Lester Johnson and son Ronnie were in Portland last weekend and were guests of his brother and sister in law, Mr. and Mrs. Ken Johnson. Sunday they had a family reunion and picnic dinner to celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. Anna Johnson and Ronnie Johnson. Mrs. Anna Johnson is T. Lester's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Garrett of Delta, Colorado visited at the home of their son in law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Duke for a week. Thursday Mr. and Mrs. Duke and son Gary went to Portland with Mr. and Mrs. Garrett and returned Sunday. The Garretts left Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fields and two sons went to Portland Saturday where they will pick up their daughter Sally who has been visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Basil Bains. From there they will go on to Junction City where they will visit Mrs. Fields' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Patterson for a few days. Miss Ada Packard will accompany them to Portland, after having spent the harvest season helping Mrs. Fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Roysse and family, and Miss Florence Miss-man of Britt, Iowa were in Seattle from Friday to Sunday visiting relatives. They stopped at Troutdale on their way home and visited with Mr. and Mrs. George Lamborn for a little while. They found them getting along just fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Van Gilder had a pot luck dinner at their home Sunday, those attending were Mr. and Mrs. John Roysse, Olive and John Robinson, Walt Eaton, and Mrs. Harry Walthers, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Christin of The Dalles.

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**Queen Virginia to Rule Over Round-Up**



Photograph by Bus Howdysbell, Pendleton

Pendleton, Ore., Aug. 21.—Members of the real "first families of America will rule at the thirty-seventh Pendleton Round-Up, Sept. 15, 16, 17, 18.

They are the blue-bloods of the red race, Indian maidens all, of proud lineage, descendants of Chief Joseph and other great Indian warriors, and possessing, for good measure, beauty, charm of personality and riding skill.

Absolute monarch is Queen Virginia, a descendant of Chief Joseph, who is the first girl ever chosen as secretary of the Umatilla Indian Tribal Council, the Indians' own governing body.

Lovely Virginia, five feet four, weight 125, is a graduate of Chemawa where she was a member of the student council and campus queen in 1946. That year, too, she won the American Beauty contest at the Pendleton Round-Up. In this, only one of its kind in the United States, the most

beautiful Indian girl is chosen as beauty queen. Also considered are splendor of costumes and trappings of horse.

The queen's family have long been prominent in the Round-Up and she herself has ridden in races and parades. Her diversions include roller skating and dancing. She cares not for jitterbugging except in restrained fashion but loves to waltz. Fond of reading, her favorites are Shakespeare's works and "Idylls of the King." Favorite movie stars are Ingrid Bergman and Gregory Peck.

The queen's princesses are Thelma Parr, 22; Edna Quaempts and Viva Bill, 17; Gladys Sheo-ships and Myrna Williams, 16, and Laura McKay, 14.

All will wear their gorgeous tribal costumes, gleaming with beadwork; priceless gowns headed down from generation to generation.

Visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Brock last weekend were Mrs. Cora Conley and her daughter Mrs. Maimie Colby of Reno, Nevada; and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Colby from San Jose, Cal.

Mrs. Conley is Mrs. Brock's sister. Barbara and Gene McConaughy left Tuesday night on the streamliner from The Dalles for a months trip where they will visit relatives in Colorado, Wyoming and Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. Marlowe Anderson and daughter from Chico, Calif., spent Wednesday visiting at the home of Mrs. Emma Shearer. Nancy Fulton, Patricia Kaseberg and Sharon Briggs left Saturday for Suttle Lake where

they will attend the Methodist Youth Camp which will be held one week.

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

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 116 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Bertha Belshe, N. G. 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.

Leo Watkins, N. G. John DeMoss, Secretary

Bethlehem Chapter No. 78. O.E.S. Meets every second and fourth Thursday in each month; visiting members invited. Moro, Oregon Pauline Douma, W. M. Edna Melzer, Secretary

**Want Ads**

APPLY NOW State Civil Service Examinations for clerical, typing and stenographic positions. Applications available local Employment Service or State Civil Service, 444 Center Street, Salem, Oregon. 43c

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned, Helen White Bruckert, has been duly appointed as administratrix of the estate of Louise White, deceased, and has qualified as such administratrix. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified and required to present the same, duly verified, to the undersigned at the office of Brown & Van Vactor, Pioneer Building, The Dalles, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, to-wit: August 27th, 1948.

Helen White Bruckert Administratrix  
Brown & Van Vactor Attorneys at Law  
Pioneer Building  
The Dalles, Oregon 43-7c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
All persons having claims against the estate of Antone B. Potter, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, in proper form, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator of the estate of Antone B. Potter, deceased.

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 Edith Barksdale, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 8th day of September, 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.

Norman E. Fields Administrator  
T. Lester Johnson Attorney for Administrator 40-43c

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ed, at the office of Geo. G. Uppgraft, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice, to-wit: August 13 1948. George A. Potter 41-44c

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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 Joyce Ann Ogle Noble, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 8th day of September, 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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