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HIGHWAY TAXES The recent report of the interim committee on roads asks for an increase of one cent in the gasoline tax and a doubling of the license fee on cars. Truck fees will be raised too because the new rates passed in 1947 did not produce as much as before.

There doesn't seem to be much local complaint about another cent on the gas tax although there is a feeling that it should be returned to farmers and others who use it for non-highway purposes.

If the gas tax gets big enough the state can afford to do a better job of policing its gas tax returns because it is common knowledge that refunds are made on gasoline not used on roads.

Any increase in the license fee will meet opposition and Mr. Newby, who is administrator of the license division, does not like it. The rate is really very low. No other form of property can be owned with the payment of so small a tax as on an automobile.

Oregon does not have good enough roads to compete with adjoining states and if it is to get them there will have to be more money to spend. We can get federal match money for most of what we have to spend now.

It was said at the hearing of the interim committee in The Dalles that if the Columbia River highway was constructed between that place and Portland the savings made on gasoline, oil, tires, and repairs, etc., would pay for the cost in three years.

WHATTA WORLD A poet once wrote about the "strange things done 'neath the midnight sun by the men who mull for gold" but he was a rank amateur if he hadn't studied the strange ways of the federal government.

At any rate the report is in. There will be a bill to raise the costs of driving an automotive vehicle. All such fees by the constitution must be used for roads.

CHARLEY PRAY Mayor Lee and the city of Portland should feel very happy that Charley Pray has agreed to return to criminal work by taking the job as chief of Portland police.

There will soon be an end to stories about the inequities of the Portland police force and there will be less criminal activities. Pray has a reputation in the hard game of law enforcement that he didn't get it by taking things easy or overlooking opportunities to catch crooks.

In Days of Old From the Observer, Jan. 5, 1900 G. W. Brooks is once more "mine host" at the popular Brook's restaurant.

COUNTY COURT Sherman county has a new court, that is, two of the three are new, a majority.

They will have some serious problems to consider, problems that will require a great deal of study if they are to be settled correctly. There is time for the court to do this studying before their own farm work turns their attention to private matters.

Board matters are settled for a time. The people have voted \$40,000 for the coming year and the use of that money has been charted. The people voted on that along with the appropriation.

A closer watch of finances may be necessary as we leave the more affluent times brought on in this post-war era. There was

a time when dollars were most important to a Sherman county court and information about how much was being spent and from what fund was required. This county paid off its bonds by saving little dabs of money and by spending what was paid in, not what was budgeted. When delinquent taxes were paid the county was rich.

Perhaps what most public bodies lack most is information. Any time it seems that lots of legislative voting is done with insufficient facts and the same is true of other bodies. It is our opinion that the county court has the ability to find the facts and our hope is that it will prove itself a well informed group of officials.

OREGON'S FINANCES The citizen who feels depressed over the reported condition of the state's finances may balance his emotion by remembering how elated he felt last summer when the papers were full of stories about how rich the state had become.

It is true that there are more demands on the state than can be met but inasmuch as that is a normal condition in most households there is no reason to think the world has come to an end, not even a financial end. If we can't buy all the buildings we want this year we will have to put it off until some other day just like papa puts off buying a new car and sometimes delays buying a new red wagon for junior.

Perhaps the sanest statement is credited to Douglas McKay, who will assume the office of governor come next Monday. He says that conditions may be bad but he has seen it worse. For a man who has been through two wars that sounds reasonable enough.

It seems likely that the people will have to vote to spend some of the income and excess tax surplus. Arguments that favor the expenditure of that surplus without a vote of the people are not based on a proper appreciation of our initiative and referendum—nor, in fact, the recent decision of the supreme court in that regard. Surely some section of the state's population will see to it that any bill to use that money without sanction of the people will have the initiative invoked against it.

Conditions would be much worse if the state didn't have any surplus at all, however difficult it may be to get this one out of the bank. If we spend it all this year the condition in 1951 may be worse.

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From the G. V. J., Jan. 2, 1920 J. A. Shassen went to Corvallis Monday to attend the grain grading school this week.

Harry Horner has purchased the phone line from Glen Fairchilds and will move the same to his place.

L. D. Eakin has sold the machinery, equipment, supplies, etc., and leased his concrete garage to Fred Messinger and the two brothers who have been working for Mr. Eakin.

Mrs. C. P. Bailey returned to The Dalles Wednesday, having spent Christmas day here with her daughters.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS All persons having claims against the Estate of William M. Van Patten, deceased, are hereby notified to present them, with the proper vouchers and duly verified, to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Administrator, with the will annexed, of the Estate of William M. Van Patten, deceased, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice to-wit: December 17, 1948.

T. LESTER JOHNSON Administrator, with will annexed, of the Estate of William M. Van Patten, deceased. 7-10 ch.

T. Lester Johnson LAWYER WASCO MORO

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

Eureka Lodge No. 121 A.F. & A.M. Meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings each month. Visiting members cordially invited to meet with us.

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"WAKE UP, AMERICA!" Is Private Capitalism Practical? Moderated by FRED O. CLARK, Chairman American Economic Foundation. As debated by Harry Fleischman, National Secretary, Socialist Party—USA; and Harry D. Farren, President, American Speakers and Writers Bureau, Inc.

MR. FLEISCHMAN OPENS: Private capitalism is based on concentrated private ownership of great public affected industries. Is it practical to suffer depressions and unemployment every few years? Is any system practical where, even when you have a job, you are worried about losing it? Is it practical to produce only goods making the greatest profit, instead of producing what people need? Is it practical to waste the natural resources of America belonging to future generations, as well as to us? Is it practical to add greater costs to products we buy or support numbers of millionaires for absentees owners? Is it practical for a few people to become very rich, and the majority comparatively poor? When private capitalists run into trouble, they forget about "free enterprise" and run to the government for help. It was Hoover, not Roosevelt, who created the Reconstruction Finance Corporation for government loans to dying capitalism. The workings of private capitalism lead to war and dictatorship. Capitalist rivalries, political and economic, struggling for markets, exploiting cheap labor and monopolizing raw materials, are major causes of modern war; together with narrow nationalism and militarism, manipulated by political and economic overlords unable to solve their problems at home. They "make jobs" by expanding armaments, try to forestall discontent by imposing false "unity," and seek a solution in adventures abroad, resulting in war. Private capitalism is not practical. It is the road to world suicide.

MR. FARREN CHALLENGES: Fifty million investors in our national plant cannot be honestly called "concentrated private ownership." What do the people need that they can't get? It's most practical to have rich men like Ford, McCormick, Edison, Bell, et al, because for every dollar they keep they make \$10.00 for others. Besides the incentive to get rich creates such men. We need more millionaires! As for Mr. Hoover; it was not his fault that Britain went off the Gold Standard and that farm prices were allowed to collapse while industrial wages stayed up. It seems to me that the totalitarian states are the real threat to peace—and if capitalism of all things is the road to suicide, what do you call the English Experiment in Socialism?

MR. FLEISCHMAN REPLIES: 75,000 stockholders own fifty percent of all corporate stock in America. Proxy machinery, interlocking directorates, investment trusts expand that control. That is concentrated private ownership! What do we need that we can't get? Homes, for one thing. We need 4,000,000 veterans' homes immediately. Private capitalism refuses to build them. Hoover also followed the "crumb-dropping" theory of subsidies to big business so that wages could filter down to workers. The result—intensified depression. Certainly totalitarianism is a threat to peace, but totalitarianism is the legitimate offspring of private capitalism. Socialism, with democratic control of the industry for production of the people's needs instead of profits to a few, is the only practical alternative to both capitalism and totalitarianism.

MR. FARREN REPLIES: We have laws to crush monopolies. If we don't have high quality products at low prices today, it is because business hasn't recovered from the strangulation of cock-eyed government control. Let our economy be free! The customer, not some bureaucrat, will decide quality and price and business had better measure up to those demands or go out of business. Mr. Fleischman's war statistics are irrelevant, unless he was in favor of not supporting our allies or not winning the war. We needed heavy industry not blacksmiths' shops to produce in tremendous quantity the armaments of war—and they were produced by the greatest, most efficient mass production plant in the world. That was practical.

In addition to actions taken by the county court and reported elsewhere the bills were paid, a lot in Wasco was sold and Robert Helyer bought four lots in Kent. Bob Belshe bought an old horse grader for \$25. The dog fund board was not appointed Wednesday. The Sherman County Journal was named as the official county paper for 1949. Thursday court members returned to draw 200 names for the jury list and take care of other year end business.

A petition and an application for the postmaster position at Moro were received and both were dispatched to the state head quarters.

NOTICE OF NONHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in compliance with section 111-1244, O. C. L. A., to the legal voters of the Nonhigh School District of Sherman County, Oregon, that a meeting will be held at the Courthouse in Moro, Oregon, on the 31st day of January, 1949, at 10:00 o'clock A. M. for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1st, 1949, and ending June 30, 1950, hereinafter set forth.

BUDGET ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

Table with 3 columns: ITEM, 1945-46, 1946-47, 1947-48. Rows include Tuition, Transportation, Personal Service, etc.

SUMMARY EST. EXP. RECEIPTS AVAILABLE CASH BALANCES, AND TAX LEVY

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SAFE BY A NOSE... Mrs. Walter Polite of St. Louis bravely (no understatement) demonstrates how tame is "Snoper," her pet weasel, by letting it nibble at her nose.

Democrats Meet Democrats of Sherman county met at the court house last Tuesday afternoon for the biennial organization meeting to which newly elected precinct committeemen and committeewomen were invited.

Kenneth Fridley was elected chairman, Mrs. Helen Brucker, vice chairman, Clara Houston, secretary-treasurer. John DeMoss and Wynona Wilson were elected congressional committeemen. The county nominating committee will be composed of Herman Brackett and Pearl Brackett, Gordon Harper, A. J. Bucholtz and Tom Garrett.

The Republican County Central committee will meet at the courthouse next Tuesday January 11 on call by Mrs. Howard Conley, county chairman. Election of officers and other party business will be on the agenda.

Karl Landstrom was elected to the national soils society at a meeting held in Portland the first of the week. W. A. Rockie, known to many Sherman county farmers is president, J. H. Christ, vice president.

Coldest night of the winter and of the month was 3 above zero

Monday night. It had been four above Sunday night and it was four above Tuesday night. There has been some moderation of the weather and even some thawing. Believe it or not a sparrow is at this moment taking a bath in the middle of the street in a freshly melted pool of water.

A farewell party was given for Mr and Mrs Lewis McKee Tuesday night at the Odd-Fellow hall when members of that lodge and the Rebekahs presented them with a gift and played cards for the evening.

Bob Hoskinson came home from the hospital early in the week and year looking fine and fit since his hernia operation recently. He will not return to work, however, for a few weeks.

A joint installation for Odd-Fellows and Rebekahs will be held at their hall next Tuesday evening, January 11 and it will be preceded by a pot-luck supper.

Mr and Mrs J. K. McKean came home Tuesday afternoon after their plane ride to Dalles, Texas to see the Cotton Bowl game. Keck says the game was really a good one despite reports to the contrary.

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INCOME TAX REMINDER JANUARY 15, 1949 is deadline date for filing Estimated Federal Income Tax for year 1948.

P. Everett Curtiss Public Accountant Tax Consultant 308 E. 3rd Street (Note: Office location changed from previous year.)

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