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BUS PAYMENTS

A bill has been introduced in the Oregon house by representatives from eastern Oregon's less populous counties to give counties having less than two census children per square mile two cents per pupil mile for transportation under the basic school program.

For the first two years of operation of the basic school program

the payment has been 16 cents per bus mile which was established because at the time the distribution system was made no one knew how many children were transported, nor where, nor how far.

Records were kept in the last two years so the figures are available.

Without the bill in question the payment would be one cent per pupil mile. Sponsors feel that one cent would be a very small part of bus cost for many counties and the department has agreed with them to a large extent.

In Sherman county the payments for transportation have been large under the original scheme because the busses are so small and the miles traveled are so great. Without the passage of the bill the income from the basic school fund would drop seriously. Of course, we never can expect to get over a half of the amount paid into the fund. This bill may make the income remain at a bearable rate.

NO STATE TAX

House Joint Resolution 9 would prevent the state from levying a tax on property except for the

public debt and the interest thereon. It is designed to counteract the effect of the off-set removal through diversion of the income and excise taxes to the general fund for general appropriation.

It now appears that HJR 9 may have as good a chance of passing as do either of the diversion bills but one can be sure of what will pass. Property owners would thus obtain protection from a constitutional amendment instead of from the off-set provisions in the income and excise tax laws. That should make it more permanent. As far as the state is concerned it would do away with the six percent limitation because it would be impossible to levy state property taxes at all except for debt service.

It is impossible to obtain agreement to take from the state the right to levy against property for payment of public debt. Other taxes are too changeable and the price of state bonds would drop if there was not something more tangible than income taxes on which to guarantee payment. However the state debt is in very good shape. There are some \$19,700,000 in veterans bonds which can be paid from interest and repayments of loans made to veterans. The state is not expected to pay much of it, if any. There is still some highway debt but it is taken care of very well by gasoline and other automotive taxes. Danger of having a huge state debt is not great.

In any event it would have to be voted by the people and at the present time they are not inclined to vote for large expenditures, that is, if they know what they are.

In any case the proposal would have to be voted on in November of 1950.

In Days of Old

From the Observer, Feb. 23, 1900 O. W. Axtell was in town with a cutter Monday but sleighing was only passably decent.

General Manager E. E. Lytle has fixed upon April 15th as the date of opening of the CSRY for traffic to Spaniko.

Ad signatories of 1900s: F. H. Meader & Co., Pioneer Brick Building, Moro, Ore., Farmers' Meat Market, Sam McDonald, prop; Moro Hotel, Mrs. Dora Williams, prop; The Altomont Stables, N. W. Thompson & O. P. Hulse, prop; Higinbotham Warehouse Co., G. P. Higinbotham, manager; Union Lumber Co., Wasco, Ore., L. Clark, manager; RED BARN, W. C. Johnston, Moro, Ore., proprietor; W. O. Hadley, optician and jeweler; Rufus hotel, W. C. Wallis, prop.

From the G. V. J., Feb. 18, 1910 P. H. Murphy, Monday afternoon had a very narrow escape from death; he had left the commissary and was walking down the track when struck by an incoming train from Shaniko and knocked down bruising his face and leg. Mr. Murphy is a deaf

mute and did not hear the warning notice.

A. L. Alsop has sold his farm, 120 acres to C. A. Buckley.

Jim Lium, cousin of Mrs. Sam arrived in Grass Valley last week from Wisconsin to remain some time visiting.

From the G. V. J., Feb. 13, 1920 Loy Cochran and Miss Gladys Kee were married Sunday Feb. 8th at Camas, Wash., at the home of the groom's parents. Loy Cochran has been farming east Grass Valley and Miss Kee was one of Grass Valley's most popular young ladies.

The County Court has appointed Hugh Chrisman of Rufus, Sheriff, to fill the unexpired term of the late P. H. Buxton.

On Monday Robert Uruhari was appointed postmaster of Moro. Robert has been in charge several weeks.

From the Observer, Jan. 26, 1900 On Wednesday, last, at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dan McLachlan, near Monkland, Rev. Johns united in the holy bonds of matrimony, Miss Maggie McLachlan and Alfred Woods, two prominent young people, whose friends wish them well.

Magers, the cold blooded murderer of Ray Slink, will fall and break his neck in the jail yard at Dallas today Mayor W. H. Moore and Sheriff Holder were passengers for the webfoot metropolis Monday. Mr. Holder expects to see Murderer Magers break his neck.

R. M. Brash is taking advantage of this spring-like weather to complete his contract on painting the Moro Presbyterian church.

From the Observer, Feb. 9, 1900 The new management at the City Foundry have put in place a large gasoline engine to run their machinery.

The Dalles stages to and from Moro in a covered hack and four horses takes you through on time. Leaves The Dalles from the Umatilla house every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 a. m. Leaves Moro every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday from the Blue Barn at 7 a. m. connecting with the train for Portland same day, and also with the Spokane Flyer. Dinner at Fagan Bros., Half Way House at 11:00 a. m. both ways. Fare one way \$1.50; round trip \$2.50. W. H. McGrath, proprietor, Wiley's hotel.

From the G. V. J., Feb. 4, 1910 Wednesday afternoon the Sherman county debating team, Giles French, Clayton Smith and Earn-

Cottons! This is the year for them. In Prints, Plain Color and Stripes. Greta, The Dalles

INSURANCE

Grain, Feed, Fuel Farm Implements BARBED WIRE—GOOD POSTS PHONE 163 Feedstore GAS AND OIL Tires—Accessories

R. H. McKEAN and SON WASCO OREGON

est McClure, left for Prineville to debate with the high school team of that city the evening of the 4th with Mrs. F. E. Smith accompanying them as chaperon.

Oliver O. Rush, who has been teaching in the Grass Valley public schools, has accepted the principalship of the Moro schools. The directors weighed this matter carefully and think the school work in his room will not suffer in the least with Miss Sadie Ruggles, an experienced teacher in charge.

From the G. V. J., Jan. 30, 1920 A local branch of the Farm Bureau was organized at Grass Valley January 14. The following farm problems were taken up: "Livestock Improvement" with E. E. Barnum in charge; "Weed Control", J. J. Wiley, Arch Russell, and Fred Cox; "Seed Improvement", E. M. Alley; "Farm Bureau News" T. M. Rolfe and Gus Engstrom; "Poultry", Fred Cox; "Labor", O. P. King; "County Fair Improvement" E. E. Barnum.

Albret Folda, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Folda, died January 24 following severe burns about his face and body in an explosion in the kitchen of his home January 22. He ran from the house a mass of flames and Mrs. Vera Burns used her coat to smother the flames. He was 11 years and 7 months of age.

From the G. V. J., Jan. 28, 1910 P. N. Lemmon made a trip to the Deschutes Tuesday to see about his meat delivering for Porter Bros. His team was stopped from going ahead by high water, and could not get back on account of the roads being blasted full of rocks.

French & Downing have traded their business in this city to Cooper Bros. from Independence. Mrs. Sam H. Baker is assisting in the bank now since their house burned down, and says she doesn't have much housekeeping to do in their present location.

MOTOROLA and PHILCO auto radios for immediate delivery, for all makes and models of cars, come in and see about having one installed. Prices from \$46.00 up to \$105.00.

HARRY'S RADIO SERVICE Phone 2928 512 W. 9th St. The Dalles, Oregon Phone 2928-



DONE WITH MIRRORS... This is the latest thing in furtiveness. Miss Marilyn Radlein of Des Plaines, Ill., wears a new kind of glasses that are treated to form mirrors on the outside.

From the G. V. J., Jan. 23, 1920 Monday afternoon Mr. Barnum and Mr. Rice sold the Citizen's Commercial Company stock of good to P. N. Lemmon. The C. C. C. have been doing business in Grass Valley for about seventeen years. Mr. Lemmon is an old timer here and needs no introduction, and will conduct the business under his own name.

J. M. Barry, postmaster of Moro for 25 or 30 years died in Portland Wednesday morning following his

second stroke. A bouncing baby boy arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Adams of Kent Sunday, January 18th.

Helen Morrison of Portland has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Gladys Morrison, during the past week.

George G. Updegraff

Attorney at law MORO Monday, Wednesday, Friday Afternoons

THE DALLES 211 East Third Street Telephone 3209

Advertisement for Spencer & Libby funeral home, 100 Kelly Ave, featuring a superior service of personal attendance that costs no more.

Large advertisement for Ferguson Tractor, featuring the slogan 'More Power... More Speeds Greater Fuel Economy!' and 'The New FERGUSON TRACTOR See It Now! Wallace & Bartron'.

Advertisement for 'ONE OF TODAY'S BIGGEST BARGAINS' featuring a man in a white coat talking on a telephone.

How your telephone gives you more real value today in spite of sharply-increased costs of furnishing service

Advertisement for 'Sunny Brook' whiskey, featuring a man in a suit and the text 'Winter time is reading time and we can take care of that with newspapers and a good supply of magazines.' and 'THE TAVERN Ken Zachary'.

Advertisement for 'The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company' with the slogan 'Your telephone gives you more service today than ever before' and a list of four points about telephone service.

Your right to know!

A newspaper, like a lamp, is valued for the light it gives. The more you see and know the greater your freedom of action. The facts and opinions, good and bad, pleasing and displeasing, that are brought to you by the newspaper give you knowledge on which to base your decisions about what to do to get more out of life—to earn more money, raise your family, protect your home and to enjoy all the rights of a free citizen.

Some men and women don't think you should have such freedom. They have other plans for you. They think you should change your way of life to fit their ideas. And as a part of their planning they include the newspaper.

Because they know they can control your thinking if they control your sources of knowledge, they are agitating for control of the press. Not only of newspapers but of all publications. And in the background is control of the radio and the movies. Each of these supplies information to you and helps you remain free. The newspaper is first on their list because it is your main source of facts and opinions.

From the newspaper you get the kind of information you need to see that you get the right representation in government and the right laws. You learn of crime and corruption, of good deeds and better products. You know what is happening and have a free choice of ideas.

That doesn't fit in with what certain individuals and groups have decided. They claim that editors are irresponsible and that you can't be trusted to read what the editors print. They propose a sort of over-all agency to pass on what shall be printed and what shall be read. Hitler had such a set-up. Stalin still has.

You may disagree with much that now appears in newspapers. You may argue for a more enlightened press. But, in place of the great variety of facts and opinions which newspapers now print, what is in prospect is one kind of facts and opinions selected and published to keep you incompletely informed and dutifully subservient.

The attack on a free press is an attack on your freedom. Freedom of the press is not the exclusive property of newspapers. It is your right also. It includes your right to print. And equally important, your right to read and know.

You can, if you wish, be passive and permit your enemies to shut you off from what is going on outside your own neighborhood. On the other hand, you can refuse to give up your right to read and decide for yourself according to your own common sense and conscience. Which do you want?

Your right to know is the key to all your liberties



Advertisement for 'Sunny Brook' whiskey, featuring a man in a suit and the text 'Come over on the Sunny Brook side! Enjoy the whiskey that's "Cheerful as its Name" Kentucky Whiskey—A Blend'.