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DIVIDING THE TAXES

The proposal by Commissioner Bean of Portland that the city levy a small income tax brings another complication to the already over-burdened tax system of the state and nation. There must eventually be a division of taxes among taxing units so that

one will not be raiding the tax sources of another.

Should cities adopt income taxes that would mean that the federal government, states and cities would all tax them. In Oregon property is taxed for state, county, school and city purposes and there is seldom any consideration between them. Gasoline is taxed by state and nation. In fact there is hardly a tax source that hasn't been pounced upon by more than one tax-hungry unit of government.

The Portland proposal is another argument in favor of the resolution now in the legislature which would prevent the state from levying property taxes for state purposes. Something like that might start the move toward such a division as mentioned above.

There is an effort being made to write a bill that will give county courts some slight authority toward settling tax division troubles within their counties. In one county over 30 special elections were held last year by taxing units in search of extra money. That gets tiresome for taxpayers and sometimes the last one to ap-

ply may get left entirely. It may be the best of the lot, too.

Perhaps there should be fewer taxing units—and certainly fewer taxes. And that gets back to the old question: just what ones do you want to do away with. When citizens can agree on what part of the government they wish to dispense with it will be easy.

WHAT IS NEWS?

A young and comely woman slaps her husband in a New Orleans hotel lobby and he retaliates by spanking her. A fortunate photographer was on hand and the papers carried the story and picture on the front pages giving the details of the quarrel in exact quotes.

It was feature of the day-taking precedence over foreign news and domestic news. It was undoubtedly more interesting and read by more people than would have been a report on the Atlantic pact. That is the reason it received the space. Newspapers have found that such stuff is liked by readers.

One could hardly call it news. Up here 2500 miles away from this petty lover's quarrel it is of no moment whatsoever and will affect the lives of not a single Oregon resident other than providing a few moments joy and a topic of conversation.

The Oregon Voter some weeks ago added a little comment to a new legislator's remark. The legislator had said that all the news space was being given to the talkers without due comment on the work of the dutiful legislator. The Voter said that the same was true of daily life as well.

One must bite a dog, do the out of ordinary, paddle a young wife in public and his name is blazoned. The photographer who took the picture received no mention but probably is a hard-working man who gets along with his family without spanking.

Perhaps the trouble is that Americans place too much importance on publicity and are too envious of those whose names make the news. Actually most of the news is made by those who are unfortunate; who are in some sort of deep trouble.

In politics the greatest space is given to those who talk the most and express ideas different from the others. Publicity seekers learn that early and are often undependable as public servants because of it.

In Days of Old

The Observer, March 23, 1960
Fred Lucas, the village blacksmith has moved from Wasco to the Empire metropolis-Shaniko.

Doug Allen and Mr. Cornett, began running a daily line of stages this week between Moro, Antelope and Shaniko, via Bakeoven. The rigs are the best.

Grass Valley Hotel, Henry Wright, prop., is the place you want to put up at in Grass Valley. Barn and livery stable in connect-with the hotel.

From the G. V. J. Mar. 18, 1910
P. N. Lemmon has bought the C. A. Buckley property north of town, 80 acres, for \$5,000.00 we learn. This important real estate deal was made by E. F. Heath.

Armstrong & Clays, painters, have plenty of work to do in town and vicinity, they understand their business and intend to remain with us.

The law firm of Bryant & Mowry at Moro have dissolved partnership. Clarence L. Wheelodon, graduate of Ann Arbor, Mich., will be associated soon with Mr. Bryant.

From the G. V. J., Mar. 12, 1920
Fred Krusow arrived from Portland last Thursday evening with a new Revere auto.

The stockholders of the Sherman Electric company held their first meeting Monday. Directors elected were R. H. McKean, Wasco, A. M. Wright, Moro, one year each; C. H. Howell, Wesco, N. W. Thompson, Moro, two years each; C. A. Buckley, Grass Valley, three years. The directors elected C. A. Buckley, president, A. M. Wright, sec-treas. and R. H. McKean, vice-president.

Fore part of this week John Conroy sold to Henry Patjens fifteen hundred head of mixed yearling sheep at \$13.75 per head.

From the Observer, Mar. 30, 1960
New dray in Moro. Leave orders and set flag for the dray. Edwin Stubblefield will deliver the goods promptly. Frank Sayers manager.

Mrs. Vinton of Grass Valley is on a visit to friends in California. Mrs. Lottie Rinearson in charge of the hotel.

E. W. Garlick left with us last week the nucleus of a flock of brown Langshire chickens, in the form of a double yolk egg.

W. A. Raymond takes 12 stamp pictures in 12 positions for 25 cents.

From the G. V. A. Mar. 25, 1910
Died.—In Grass Valley Friday morning of uremic. Lucille Conrad, aged nine years, two months and 22 days.

The Balfour, Gutherie & Co. warehouse in Grass Valley has been sold to Farmers Union. The Union will buy or build other warehouses along the line of the Columbia Southern railroad, we understand.

District Attorney Burdett and Sheriff Freeman were looking after business matters in Grass Valley Friday.

From the G. V. J. Mar. 19, 1920
New arrivals reported this week: To Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Barzee of Moro, a daughter; to Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Stark, a son; to Mr. and Mrs. Russ, a son.

Ray Blake left Tuesday morning to accept a position in the Farmers State bank at Moro. Mr. Blake has been bookkeeper at the C. W. King store for some time.

Mr. and Mrs. I. N. Lemon arrived last Friday evening from Corvallis to look after business matters and visit with their numerous friends.

From the Observer, April 6, 1960
Miss Anna Landry left Moro Tuesday with her brother, Jess, and will remain with him for some time in Shaniko.

G. A. Meloy had a circus all by himself one day last week. He was driving a cow when she stampeded going at 2:19 pace until she struck a damp spot at an old stack where she slid like a chain of greased lightning for about 25 feet. Before she could recover, the horse George was riding took a slide that unseated George and he landed on top of the cow which by this time had gained its footing and struck out for the wilderness. George hung to her for about half mile, when he took a slide. The horse overtook him and mounting he soon drove the cow into the corral, then changed clothes.

From the G. V. J., April 1, 1910
Carl Berry entertained several of his little friends Wednesday the 23rd, in honor of his birthday. Those invited were Roberta Lane, Veta Dugger, Ruth Smith, Gertrude Bucholtz, Anna Conrad, Beulah Murphy, Rita Kendrick, Beatrice Berry, Waldo Baker, Jean Boatworth, Earl Cronk, Joe Morrison and Frank Wilcox.

The new townsite at Mopins Ferry, about 12 miles south of Shear bridge, is now being surveyed and plotted into town lots. J. O. Elrod is the promoter. It is expected to be a trading point for the Shaniko, Bakeoven, Tygh Valley, and Juniper Flat neighborhoods.

From the G. V. J., Mar. 26, 1920
J. S. Taylor arrived here last Thursday from Portland to take charge of the station; Mrs. Taylor was checked in as clerk. The former agent, Mr. Savard, left for Frisco where he has secured a position with the S. P. Co. Jacob Wassenmiller has sold his original homestead to Oliver Schadewitz.

Miss Minnie Schassen is now the bookkeeper in the Kent Elevator store.

**High School Students
Take Driving Lessons**

Approximately 5000 Oregon high school students will have received instruction in the safe operation of automobiles by the end of the current school year, a survey being conducted by the secretary of state's traffic safety division shows.

This is about 24 percent of all students eligible for learner's permits or regular driver's licenses, the survey disclosed.

The classroom instruction was supplemented with behind-the-wheel training in dual-control cars for about 3000 students, the division reported. Forty-eight Oregon high schools offer complete driver education courses including road training, and several schools are offering classroom courses only.

"Expansion of the high school driver training programs is one of the best means for long-range reduction of our high accident rate," Secretary of State Earl T. Newbry stated. "Thorough training of new drivers prevents the

formation of bad habits that prove so costly later."

Newbry said most students completing the course have little difficulty in passing the state driver's license examination, particularly the test for knowledge of traffic laws and rules of the road.

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There ought to be a law!

When you pick up a copy of a newspaper you restate your belief in fair play. You express your willingness to let the other fellow get a hearing for his opinion. For opinion is as much a part of the newspaper as fact. Not just the editor's opinion but the opinions of business men and labor leaders, farmers and housewives, public officials and candidates for office—everyone whose opinions make news.

Some men and women think you should not have this freedom. They believe you should read only one set of opinions—theirs. They think there should be a law limiting what a newspaper can print.

Those whose freedom these self-constituted leaders are aiming to limit are not so much the editors and publishers of newspapers as the readers. They claim that newspapers have too much freedom but what they mean is that you are too free. They don't talk about thought control but that is what they have in mind. They don't trust you with the knowledge of what is going on in the world—even what is



happening in your own government. They know that if they can control what you read, they can control what you know. And when they control what you know, they can control your mind. Under the claim of knowing what is good for you, they want to take over your thinking. Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin used the same technique.

Of course, the newspaper isn't your only source of information. But if the attack on the newspaper is successful, you can be sure that the magazines and books and the radio won't be overlooked. The newspaper happens to be the first target because it is the main source of your information regarding the events and trends about which these men and women want to keep you in ignorance. Once the newspaper is muzzled, the others will be easy.

If you think your right to know isn't in danger, take the time to read the proposals that are being offered. Apply these recommended press regulations to this newspaper and to the other publications you read including the ones published by your lodge or union or church.

You may agree that you should get less information than you now get and that some super-commission should decide what you should read. But if you don't agree—if you want to protect your right and that of the members of your lodge and union and church to read freely—you will not be taken in by the high sounding resolutions and other adroit devices now being used as the first step towards control. You will refuse to give them your support. You will speak out against them and against those who ask you to help put public knowledge and public opinion in chains.



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