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A TAX PROGRAM

It is difficult to write enough about a tax program in one editorial to make clear the writer's thinking especially if criticisms of the present system and reasons for change are also attempted.

But because this is a more fruitful time to discuss tax matters than when the legislature is in session and because some changes in the Oregon tax system must be made we are going to expound briefly on the subject for whatever it may be worth.

Inasmuch as the personal property tax is notoriously inequitable and is, in fact, not collected on much more than half the property it was originally meant to tax it must be either drastically changed or another tax substituted for it.

Corporations paying the personal property tax are permitted to deduct the amount of those payments from their excise tax up to half of the total. Until the 1949 legislature changed it the excise tax, which was in some cases offset by personal property tax, was used to offset all property taxes.

There seems no valid reason why corporations should not pay a business tax that would not have an offset provision. Business taxes are used in many states. In fact, the three classes of taxes are the tax on property, the tax on persons, the tax on business.

Utilities are now assessed by the state tax commission and pay no corporation tax. The theory is that the tax commission places their valuation high enough to compensate. We do not doubt that. Yet it creates a special class of taxpayers which is unnecessary and it places privately owned corporations at a disadvantage in comparison with the growing number of governmentally owned corporations.

If the state was given the income and business taxes (the tax on persons and business) the tax on property might well be given to the local governments. This would mean that the state would abandon the real property field and not levy on real property at all. This might curtail some payments to the counties and other subdivisions by the state and put a halt to a practice that is indefensible.

Abandon the real property tax as a source of state revenue, thus providing a division of tax income as between state and local government. Amend the six percent limitation so that the people could vote a new base when they want to, or make the base have some relation to valuation instead of dollars levied.

There are things to fear in the above proposals but we doubt if any of them are more fearsome than the prospect of going on with the present tax system which is neither equitable nor understandable to any large part of the population.

THE PRICE OF COFFEE

The price of coffee is going up and there is a possibility that it will go higher. It will be a certainty if everyone tries to buy enough to last until Brazil has another crop. Remember, old timer, when the Brazilians burned it to get rid of it?

As a nation we have the coffee habit. It isn't one of our worst ones although a lot of time that could be more useful is spent sipping the brown brew and chatting about the boss's wife's hat, the high cost of government, that ill tempered customer and the price of coffee.

Even if coffee went to the fabulous price of a dollar a pound it is likely that Americans would resolutely retain their habit, complain though they would. But no Brazilian spell of bad weather is going to change any Americans habits, No, Sir.

We could probably get along as well without it as with it. Other people drink tea with their breakfast, some young people like milk with their first meal. It would be possible, if not probable. We change our habits so slowly, so unwillingly and only after protesting bitterly.

Were we to do without coffee for a year or so we might learn that it is a weak drink on which to depend. As they say nowadays. It doesn't do much for you. We might learn, too, that many of the needs we lean on through habit are not necessary; that we need not be dependent which is a mental state, and that it would be more fun to be free from habits that bind us.

RADIO

Somebody wrote a headline the other day which said that radio had reached its maturity. That was like speaking of a giggling school girl as a matron. Radio is not mature; it is adolescent.

Mechanically it is wonderful, the engineers have done a good job, but like many other of our mechanical contrivances the uses to which it is put is childish in the extreme. Anyone wanting to go on an emotional binge can find the stimulus therefore in any broadcasting hour. Emotional binges are probably the worst kind because they last longer than the most common kind, the effects of alcohol being dissipated more quickly than the deeper sort induced by overworked emotions.

Radio would be a nice gadget to have around if the programs were mature and it is surprising that the sponsors thereof haven't discovered that the wonder of hearing a voice hundreds of miles away is wearing out and that people won't continue to listen just for the novelty of it. It ought to grow out of the picture book and sob sister stuff.

BELATED RAIN

There's comfort in having a rain after a long period of dry weather. Our latest rain was the first one of consequence since March and that one went scurrying down the canyons to the sea, staying only long enough to dissolve some good top soil on the way. Rains since then have been of the "lick and promise" style; lots of clouds and bluster, a big wind and dry fields again after a day or two.

RUFUS NEWS

By Mrs George Fox
Around forty people were seated at a long table when a baked ham dinner and all the trimmings were served at noon to the Sherman county Pomona grange members and friends. The dinner was served and cleared away by the Home Ec. members.

The business meeting followed the dinner. Louis Sather, master of Pomona presided at the meeting. The minutes of the last meeting were read by Mrs. Geo. Fox acting secretary. Lecturer, Mrs. Walt Bruckert, said it was hard to get up a program, and thought they should be more of an educational nature. On the agricultural committee it was brought out that the grange should be more interested in the new programs being presented.

The Rufus grange master E. C. Eaton said the grange at Rufus has gained no new members but lost three when the Gullford family moved away. That the grange had a nice Booster Night party and also has been holding card parties during the winter. Some hall work has been done. The Harlandview grange secretary, Mrs. Charles Burnet reported on their grange and said they have gained seven members but also lost that many. Their hall has been fixed up and painted, and they had a Booster Night party.

The resolutions read by secretary were to be turned over to the legislative and resolutions committees to be studied and acted on at the next meeting. A thank you letter by the J. M. Yocum was read thanking the grange for flowers sent to Mrs. Yocum's funeral.

The fifth degree obligation was bestowed on the following members of Moro, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Higley, Howard Ross, Elmer Nelson and from Rufus, Mrs. Trace Fields.

The election of new officers was held, these officers to serve for two years. The results were Master Walt Bruckert; Overseer Charles Burnet; Lecturer Mrs. Trace Fields; Steward E. C. Eaton; Assistant Steward S. A. Wilson; Treasurer Vernon Miller; Secretary Mrs. Walt Bruckert; Gatekeeper Sam Brock; Chaplain Mrs. Sam Brock; Lady Assistant Steward Mrs. S. A. Wilson; Pomona Mrs. Charles Burnet; Ceres Mrs. Clarence Higley; Flora Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers. On the executive committee were Louis Sather, Howard Ross and William Huck. Mrs. Sadie Rich was elected Pomona Home Economics chairman.

It was voted for the subordinate granges to take care of the meat bills after the meeting. For the lecturers program Mrs. Walt Bruckert had a reading by Mrs. Trace Fields. Giles French, state representative of this district gave an interesting talk on water power development.

An invitation was extended by the Harlandview grange to meet at that grange hall the last Saturday in February. It was announced that there will be an installation of officers held at Harlandview grange at 1:30 p. m. Sunday, December 4. That the state deputies will be present to do the installing. Lunch will be served by the ladies of the Harlandview grange following the installing. That the state conference will be held at Rufus December 14 and a lunch will be served the state officers at noon, and a pot luck supper will

be served to everybody in the evening.

Miss Eleanor Fox and friend Miss Patricia Guerin, students at OSC spent the holidays at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Fox, returning to college Sunday.

A bountiful supply of rain fell here at Rufus Wednesday when it rained all that day. Some more rain fell Saturday night and Sunday morning. The green wheat is peeking through some of the seeded land. The school children enjoyed a four day holiday during the past week.

The Wasco grade school volleyball team came to Rufus Wednesday for a game with the grade school boys which ended by Rufus winning with a score of 39 to 14 points.

Miss Dolores Fox, student at Seattle university spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Fox. Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Wilson spent a couple of days in Portland and had Thanksgiving dinner with Mrs. Wilson's mother, Mrs. Bertha Applegate.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morris had all of their children home for the holiday dinner. Andy Engberg and Bill Huck finished putting the edging to the grange tables and had them all ready varnished for Pomona dinner. Also finished was the kitchen cupboards which have ample shelf space.

Mrs. Clara White and son Robert White of Portland were holiday guests of Mrs. Elizabeth Kuypers. They were invited out to Thanksgiving dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kuypers.

Miss Donna Smith student at EOCE at La Grande spent the holiday vacation with her mother Mrs. Alta Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Benton Barnett were Sunday dinner guests in Wasco at the home of their daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Du-fault.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fox and nephew William Greiner were dinner guests Thanksgiving at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Huck.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Bains of Portland were up for a couple of days and had their holiday with Mrs. Bains' parents, Mr. and Mrs. Trace Fields.

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. L. V. Henrichs, W. M. H. B. Pinkerton, Secretary

Lupine Rebekah Lodge No. 118 Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Visiting members welcome. Sallie Martin, N. G. Clara Houston, Sec.

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

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and Mrs. Trace Fields. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Engberg were dinner guests Thanksgiving at the home of their son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Engberg in The Dalles.

Mr. and Mrs. Fay Brackett and family had Thanksgiving dinner in The Dalles with Mrs. Brackett's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Langford.

Miss Mary Brackett of Ione spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brackett. Fay Brackett took her back to Ione where she teaches school, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Macnab and daughter of The Dalles have moved into the Hugh Mathieson house where Tom will be engaged in farming.

Mr. and Mrs. Leland Medler, Mr. and Mrs. Don Macnab, and Mr. and Mrs. William Macnab went to The Dalles Tuesday to attend the wedding of Pat Macnab and Maxine Shear of The Dalles which was held at 1:30 p. m. at St. Peter's church. The young couple will make their home in Wasco where Pat is employed.

Neil Coats, student of Monmouth spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Coats.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Engles and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Mathieson and Mr. Hydron spent Thanksgiving in Wallula, Wn., visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hydron and family. Mrs. Ernie Engles and Janet stayed with her sister Mrs. Hydron to visit until Sunday while Johnnie Hydron came to Rufus to visit until Saturday.

T. Lester Johnson
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IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

In Matter of the Estate of Jas. E. Brown, deceased.

SS. Notice to Creditors: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: You are hereby notified that the undersigned, Jas. T. Brown, Robt. B. Brown and Max H. Brown, have been duly appointed and confirmed by the above entitled Court as Joint Executors of the Last Will & Testament and of the Estate of Jas. E. Brown, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present same to said Executors, with the proper vouchers annexed at the law office of Roy J. Baker in Grass Valley, Sherman County, Oregon, for allowance or rejection, within six months from date of the first publication of this notice.

First Publication being November 25, 1949. James T. Brown Robert B. Brown Max H. Brown Joint Executors Roy J. Baker Atty for Estate 4-7c

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR SHERMAN COUNTY

In Matter of the Estate of Belle B. Brown, deceased.

SS. Notice to Creditors: TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: You are hereby notified that the above entitled Court has duly appointed and confirmed the undersigned, Jas. T. Brown, Robt. B. Brown and Max H. Brown, as joint Executors of the Last Will and Testament and

of the Estate of Belle B. Brown deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate, are hereby required to present same to said Executors, at the law office of Roy J. Baker in Grass Valley, Sherman County, Oregon, with the proper vouchers annexed within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION - ISOLATED TRACT - PUBLIC LAND SALE

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT, OREGON DISTRICT, LAND OFFICE, Portland 18, Oregon.

November 10, 1949 NOTICE is hereby given that under provisions of section 2455, R. S., as amended by section 14 of the act of June 28, 1934 (48 Stat., 1274), and pursuant to the application of Ernest E. Snell, Moro, Oregon, Serial No. Oregon 0470, there will be offered, to the highest bidder, but at not less than \$3.00 per acre, at a public sale to be held at 11 o'clock A. M., on the 10th day of January, 1950 next, at this office, the following tract of land: SW14 NW14, sec. 32, T. 1 N., R. 18 E., W. M., Oregon, 40 acres.

Bids may be made by the principal or his agent, either personally at the sale or by mail. Bids sent by mail will be considered only if received at this office prior to the hour fixed for the sale. These bids must be accompanied by certified checks or post-office money orders for

the amounts of the bids and must be enclosed in sealed envelopes. The envelopes must be marked in the lower left-hand corner substantially as follows: "Public sale bid, Serial No. Oregon 0470, Sale, January 10, 1950."

The person making the highest bid will be required to pay immediately the amount thereof. Any persons claiming adversely the above-described land are advised to file their claims, or objections, on or before the time designated for sale.

Any person entitled to claim a preference right under the first proviso to said section 14 as an owner of contiguous land must assert his claim within 30 days from the date of public offering and conditional sale to the highest bidder and at the expiration of said preference right period, if no such right has been asserted, the highest bidder will be declared the purchaser of the land. Pierce M. Rice Manager 4-8c

CALL FOR BIDS

The City of Moro will receive sealed bids for Lots 4 and 5, Block B, Barnum's Addition to the City of Moro and the Old Legion Hall situated thereon up to six o'clock p. m. December 6. The city reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Carrel S. Bennett, recorder. 3-4c

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