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ECONOMY

Some time ago we asked an elder and wiser man how long it would be before a candidate could run on a platform of economy and be elected. He said it would be a long time. He was right.

Economy is a bad word, a word with evil connotations, a word that no one likes, except that is, for others. Economy is as bad as taxes in the popular mind. Economy means curtailing, restricting, reducing. The people will never stand for economy until there is no more money to spend. People do not like economy.

It is a political joke that legislators vote for all appropriations and no tax measures. It is politically wise to do so. The reason it is politically wise is that the people vote for legislators who vote that way.

That is the reason why budgets constantly go up. That is the reason budget makers listen so carefully to some one who comes in asking for public funds for something. They usually represent but a few people, and often have no legal or legitimate reason for obtaining the money, but they do represent a few votes. The general public will never notice the appropriation and the askers will never forget the favor. Do you wonder that budgets go up? Voters elect men who have the nerve to say "Yes".

The state budget could be cut \$10,000,000 a year; the county budget could be cut \$10,000. Anyone can cut a budget. Very ordinary business judgment is all that is needed. But political judgment supercedes business judgment.

Estimators have already begun to figure on the 1953-54 budget for Oregon and are using a figure of \$200,000,000 which is up \$20,000,000 from that of the last biennium. It will probably cost that much and it will certainly cost that much unless taxpayers start a backfire right now. The cost of living is going down but everyone will ask for a pay raise; departments could be curtailed but will not be; the state's government is too extensive and will be extended more.

Who asks for more money. It is generally government employees themselves. That and small groups of taxpayers. There is seldom any general urge for more expenditures.

Taxpayers are suckers. They enjoy their misery—boast of it. They are too tight to do anything but growl. They wouldn't contribute a dime to help cut taxes and they probably won't until they have no dime to contribute.

Who then is going to study government well enough to find places where economy is possible? Well, the Hoover committee did and can't get half of it passed. No one helps. Some Oregonians have with slight result. Still the time is not here when any one can be elected on a platform of economy. It is a subject for conversation, not for action. When the government gets all the money and all the power it will be too late.

WHAT IS A WIDGET?

He came in and sat down looking about a bit critically as a stranger is likely to do in a printing office that smells of hot type metal and ink and tobacco smoke. "What", he said, "is a widget?"

"Perhaps, we suggested, 'you mean a widgeon or a wedge'." "Perhaps nothing", was his reply. "I heard you had some education, had read a lot and I came in to ask 'What is a widget. What's this country coming to when a man can't find out what a widget is?'"

We said we didn't know although with some reluctance, not liking to have to admit it in our own office and seated in our own regal editorial chair. "A fine row do ye do", he commented.

We excused our ignorance by saying that as far as we knew there were no widgets raised or grown around here and none used in our type of agriculture

unless they were very new. But it was no use. He arose and in complete disgust stomped out of the office into the sun and wind saying something that sounded like, "Fool, doesn't even know what a widget is."

RAIN

It came quietly in the night, stealthily, as if not sure of itself or even of its welcome. Many heard it not at all and were surprised to find the ground wet when they awakened.

It is not often with us that June rains come with so little warning. Usually they herald themselves with wind or they come up over the western hills against an east wind in great black clouds that cause the farmers to stare in hope.

The bigger of the June rains are dangerous and sweep across the country pushing the grain to the ground. They fill the water-courses and flood the low lands and sometimes bring hail that beats the crops into a pulp that cannot be told from the earth. Rain is always welcome with us in June. Some may be down although; the benefit to the wheat is more important than damage to the hay. We live by rain. Twelve inches is fine; it fills the warehouses. Ten inches is passable; we can live on that. Less than that and we run to the bankers with excuses and the government with complaints.

We make good use of our rain. We like it whether it slips up at night or comes blustering by day and we always have but one mind about it, "when are we going to get a little more?"

FATHER'S DAY

Next Sunday is Father's day, a holiday on which, we suppose, a father is presumed to be able to exercise such additional privileges as he may desire. The very statement of more prerogatives indicates that he is somewhat restricted on the other 364 days and thus belies the theory that a man was the master of his house.

Who foisted Father's day on America is not known. It might have been the makers of suspenders, gaudy neckties and cigar manufacturers. Whoever it was made it apparent to everyone that father in this day and age is not the master of his fate, nor the captain of his soul. If he ran the show anyway there wouldn't have to be a special day on which he could be supreme.

One can be quite tearful about Mother's day and write reams and reams about the sacrifices necessary to inclusion in that hallowed class. Mothers have a special rating in America and a fine institution. And so whole some as to not need the lavish things said about them on one special day.

Fathers need a day even less. Most of them have the job of saying "NO" to the family's inspired ideas. Some of them play poker or golf, fish or go to conventions, neglect the garden and the car. Most of them spend their lives working for the family, but that isn't considered much and never was.

There's many things fathers can be given on his own particular holiday—if he can afford them. Maybe a few words of appreciation for the old gent as he goes about his usual round of duties would do as well—and he wouldn't have to pay for it.

Unless taxpayers are able to get enough votes for the six mill limitation bill this fall they will be faced with a much larger state tax than six mills when income tax receipts fall off.

People's Column

To the Editor:

The gamble on building the large school building is far too great to be assumed by district No. 17 alone. The tax payers of district 17 are responsible for the education of only the children in their own district. There are only 32 high school children in this district. To ask this one small district to build a modern school for 120 students when they now have facilities ample to educate their own students is unreasonable. The cost of the new building is placed by the architect at \$365,000.00 with interest. Anyone that has done any building in the last few years will tell you costs run from 1/4 to 1/2 above estimates. This could and probably will run from \$400,000 to one half million. There is no necessity or justification for asking district No. 17 to take this terrific burden.

To assume this continuing debt far into a very uncertain future is to gamble the security of many old people that are dependent on small income off farms. A bond issue, of this size, will cloud the title and act as a first mortgage, on all farms in district 17 should you want to borrow money or sell your farm. Many farms in this county were in a very precarious position, and several were lost, because owners could not pay their taxes or raise a few hundred dollars to pay interest. These hard times are very sure to come again. We are probably at the end of these big crops. The risk is far too great for the benefits involved.

The selfish idea that we will build the building here and be sure to get it at Moro is very weak. We cannot force people to do anything. We cannot expect people to keep sending their students here without having a voice in running the school.

The promoters of this big school have succeeded in getting this district in a big row which will continue from now on if this is passed. We are all only a step from the "dark ages". And the only thing that ever got us out was cooperation and friendship. We will never accomplish anything by trying to fight each other and quarreling. Let's not force anyone to raise the rent on tenants or the tenants to pay the taxes. No taxpayer is against good education. We would all like to see a fine new high school and all or a good part of the students in the county in it. Let's forget the idea of forcing district 17 to build a school for the county, forget our quarrels, go at this, in a different way and see if we can't get all the people of the county that are interested in real education together in building a union high school. We are making ourselves ridiculous fighting among ourselves and offending our friends in not consulting them and asking their help and cooperation.

Yours for friendly cooperation and good sound education.
Tom Fraser

To the Editor:

In regard to the building of a new high school by district 17, let me say first that it is the prime hope of the sponsors that unity and centralization will thus be effected in Sherman county. We cannot have a central high school unless there is a physical plant to accommodate 80 to 120 students. Thus we need a new building.

Certainly the Moro district has had great benefits and has become a better school because the Grass Valley and Kent districts come here. These two districts have come here despite the fact that we have no shop or

Smith-Hughes course which our boys badly need, we have no domestic science course worthy of the name, we have no foreign languages, our physics and chemistry labs are entirely sub-standard. Most of these inadequacies are physical in nature. They simply lack space. Now surely if Kent and Grass Valley see fit to come here now without the above benefits, we have high hope that they and other districts will soon join us if district 17 proceeds with a new school.

The editor stated on June 6 that if we spent half the cost each year of a new building on more and better instructors we would have better education. I would like him to show the principal or teachers where these added instructors could be jammed in the present buildings, or how better instructors could be enticed into the present plant which every principal and inspectors in the last ten years has condemned.

We have heard the editor state that more money should be spent here at home rather than be sent to Washington, D. C. to be squandered. Most of us have sent thousands of dollars yearly in the past ten years to Washington, D. C. and to Salem. We have spent practically nothing on our children's education here at home. The proportion of taxes locally even with a new school expenditure would be very minor compared to our state and federal tax.

Now what do the sponsors of a new school hope to gain? They hope to gain county educational unity, to decrease county taxes vastly, thereby, to improve education through better teachers and more courses of study and lastly they hope to gain an even break educationally for the future generations of Sherman countians with that of students from economically inferior areas.

Harvey Thompson
Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Thompson and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Burnet are in LaGrande this to attend the meeting of the Oregon grange.

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NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County her Final Report and Account as Executrix of the Last Will and

Testament of Gordon W. Reid, deceased, and that Saturday, July 5, 1952, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at the Courthouse, in the County Courtroom, at Moro, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.
Patricia Reid
Geo. G. Updegraff,
Attorney for Executrix 31-34c

date of this notice, to-wit: May 30, 1952.
Marie Barnett Cooper
Executrix
T. Lester Johnson,
Attorney for Executrix 30-3c

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against the estate of Martin O. Johnson, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Martin O. Johnson, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Wasco, Oregon, within six months from the

NOTICE OF FINAL HEARING
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County his Final Report and Account as Executor of the Last Will and Testament of Emma J. Sayrs, deceased, and that Saturday, June 21, 1952, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day, at the County Courtroom, in the Courthouse, at Moro, Oregon, has been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing of objections to said Final Report and Account and the settlement of said estate.
Carroll Sayrs
Geo. G. Updegraff,
Attorney for Executor 29-32c

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh
"Good Neighbor Policy"
Remember one time when I told about the old loose-stone wall that separated Easy Roberts' property from Handy Peterson's?
That was when they decided they really didn't need the wall between them in the first place—so they simply stopped repairing it.
Now I hear where a fellow, who bought the old Johnson place, wants to buy all those stones. It seems he figures a stone wall is just what's needed on his property.
From where I sit, if that fellow wants to build himself a stone wall, that's his business. But if it's not really serving any useful purpose he may sooner or later discover—just like Handy and Easy did—that he'd be just as well off without one. Even some old-fashioned walls of prejudice are disappearing—like those that would deny a person's right to a friendly glass of beer now and then. Most Americans are learning that "walls" can get in the way of the persons inside as well as the persons outside.
Joe Marsh
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