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**COSTLY GOVERNMENT**

There was a story in the papers a few days ago that may give a clue to how to reduce the cost of government that is causing the strangling taxes. It said there were 85,707 persons working for government in Oregon in April 1957, a good spell ago and in itself indicative of the inefficiency of government. By now it may be up ten percent.

The census bureau found that 108.6 persons per 10,000 were working for the federal government in Oregon which is less than the national average of 131 which is a minor advantage even though we help pay for all of them.

The state of Oregon employed 105 per 10,000 and the national average is 71. That means that Oregon has almost one and a half as many employees per 10,000 population as the average state. That means a lot of extra services, a lot of extra cost or a lot of extra laying around.

Local government in Oregon has 216 employees or officers per 10,000 and certainly could get along with fewer. The pay is higher in Oregon, too, and that includes school teachers whose pay is higher than in adjoining states.

Government has increased until it would be laughable if it weren't so absurd and something will have to be done about it because the people aren't going to pay for it. They've been shoved around long enough. The Sherman county courthouse is populated by 15 full or part-time employees of government. Half could do the job and probably five could do it better. And we do not think we are exceptionally bad, either.

The state is the biggest offender and at present the one crying the loudest about taxes. If Oregon would reduce its employee load down to the 71 per 10,000 that is the average for states tax payers would be happier and the state would be governed.

**SOCIAL SECURITY**

Presumably there are persons who are happy over social security, who think it is a good and a successful program. We do not know any such persons.

There are good things about social security. Everyone should put aside some of his income during his earning years to care for his old age and everyone has to under social security. It is convenient to have the aged with enough income that they can be independent. The concept of social security is good, caring for weak and elderly by use of the authority of government.

In practice it is a deplorable mess. Because of the rush to put it into effect many elders obtain benefits far in excess of their payments; because of a desire to make it popular many were included who had almost no record

of work. Any private insurance company can offer a better program for a young person and can also pay something on death. Social security would be improved if the limit was taken off the payment so a person could pay on \$5,000 or \$10,000 if he wanted to. The money to be obtained from it should be in direct relationship to the amount paid in. That eliminates the gambling feature and makes it social security instead of insurance.

There should be no age or retirement limit. If a man wanted to quit at 55 he could start collecting on his payments and if he wanted to work to 75 he could do that and if he wanted to work and collect at the same time he could do that. It is enough, we think, that the government enforce its own policy as to collection; it might leave the time and method of payment to the customer.

The basic trouble of such a program is that the government uses its power to enforce it on the people. A private concern would have had to sell it which would, in itself, have made it better, more suitable, more variable. In addition government is so miserably costly and wasteful in administration.

**YELLOW ROSES**

Across the street a yellow rose bush has begun to bloom and all over the county in old flower gardens, alongside old homestead cabins, and in places where early dwellings once stood the same yellow blooms are coming out to defy the cold winds that persist into late May.

The yellow rose of Sherman county is a hardy plant with thorns that protect it against any hungry animal. Where it came from no one knows but its start might well have been brought across the plains in a covered wagon. We doubt if it is native to Oregon. It is a double rose and very pretty, not a pampered prize winner, but a durable, practical, persistent rose that can be depended upon to bloom every spring, the peculiarities of weather notwithstanding.

The homesteaders had flowers in their gardens that went well with the yellow rose. Some brought bushes of the native wild rose to their gardens although they are most appropriate near some oozing spring. The women of the 1880s planted bachelor buttons and pinks; they had seeds of giant poppies that were mostly red and of the small yellow California poppy. And there were flags that would grow along a border and give blue or white flowers and purple lilacs came along in late May to meet the Memorial day demand.

We are glad about that yellow rose that can be seen so easily from the editorial window; glad that long years ago someone with a sense of beauty planted it and glad that no one with a modern sense of order has removed it. It is good to have something about to remind us of the sturdiness of our homesteading ancestors.

**ANOTHER TAX GIMMICK**

Senator Neuberger has proposed that the federal government remit five percent of the taxes collected in each state to that state and Oregon's senate president Walter Pearson, has given the idea his blessing.

To us it is merely another crazy new deal idea comparable to lifting one's self over a fence by the bootstraps. The only possible purpose could be to equalize taxes between what is constitutionally sovereign states.

Where do the legislators named

**OREGON'S CENTENNIAL ALBUM PAGE 16**

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One of the major reasons for our economic distress is the same notion that pervaded the nation about 30 years ago which was the collection of tax money by a big—and preferably far away—government and its distribution to smaller units of government. It was easy money, almost free money, and cities and states matched it with some of their own to build a mess of junk to buy the votes of the clamorous discontented.

We think people ought to pay their own bills; if they want a school house they should pay for it, or a city hall, or a dam, or a sewage plant. If they don't want it badly enough to pay for it, let them do without.

That is the only way to make government responsible; the only way to make people responsible. And if we are going to have much of a country we need both.

**Students May Get Loan For School**

A letter explaining loan opportunities for high school seniors wishing to enter the university has been sent to all Oregon high school principals.

Loans are available from funds provided under the National Defense Education Act of 1958.

Graduating high school seniors are required to be in the upper one-half of their class scholastically to be eligible for loans. The maximum available for one fiscal year period is \$1000. If a student fails to maintain the all-campus grade average loans will be rescinded at the end of any school term.

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**LEGAL NOTICES**

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**  
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned have filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, their Final Account as Executors of the Estate of Samuel Stark, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 1st day of July, 1959, at ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon have been fixed by the Court as

the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

Olan Stark  
 Executor  
 Hadley Stark  
 Executor

T. Lester Johnson  
 Attorney for Executors 30-33c

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 All persons having claims against the Estate of Frank Medler, deceased, are required to present them with vouchers to the undersigned at his residence which address of such residence is Wasco, Sherman County, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. The date of the first publication of this notice is May 21, 1959.

LELAND CARL MEDLER  
 Executor

DICK & DICK  
 The Dalles, Oregon  
 Attorneys for Estate 29-32c

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 All persons having claims against the Estate of John M. Rolfe, deceased, are hereby notified to present them in proper form to the undersigned, the duly appointed, qualified and acting Executor of the Last Will and Testament of John M. Rolfe, deceased, at the office of T. Lester Johnson, attorney at law, Moro, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this Notice, to-wit: May 8, 1959.

Robert V. Rolfe  
 Executor

T. Lester Johnson  
 Attorney for Executor 27-30c

**NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT**  
 Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County, his final Account as Administrator of the Estate of Jennie Zutter Dick, deceased, and that Wednesday, the 3rd day of June, 1959, at the hour of ten o'clock A.M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

Raymond VanGilder  
 Administrator  
 T. Lester Johnson,  
 Attorney for Administrator

**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 Account as Executrix of the Estate of John F. Foss, deceased, and that Monday, June 15, 1959, at the hour of ten o'clock A. M. of said day in the court room of the County Court in Moro, Sherman County, Oregon, have been fixed by the Court as the time and place for hearing objections to said Final Account and for the settlement of said estate.

Marguerite Kaseberg  
 Executrix  
 T. Lester Johnson  
 Attorney for Executrix 28-31c

**IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF SHERMAN**  
 In the Matter of the Estate )  
 of )  
 ELIZABETH M. KUYPERS, )  
 Deceased. )

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
 The undersigned having been appointed by the above entitled Court as Executor of the Estate of Elizabeth M. Kuypers, deceased and having qualified, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said Estate to present them verified as required by law, with proper vouchers, within six months from the date of this notice, to the said Executor at Rufus, Oregon.

Charles F. Kuypers  
 Executor of the Estate of Elizabeth M. Kuypers, Deceased 27-30c

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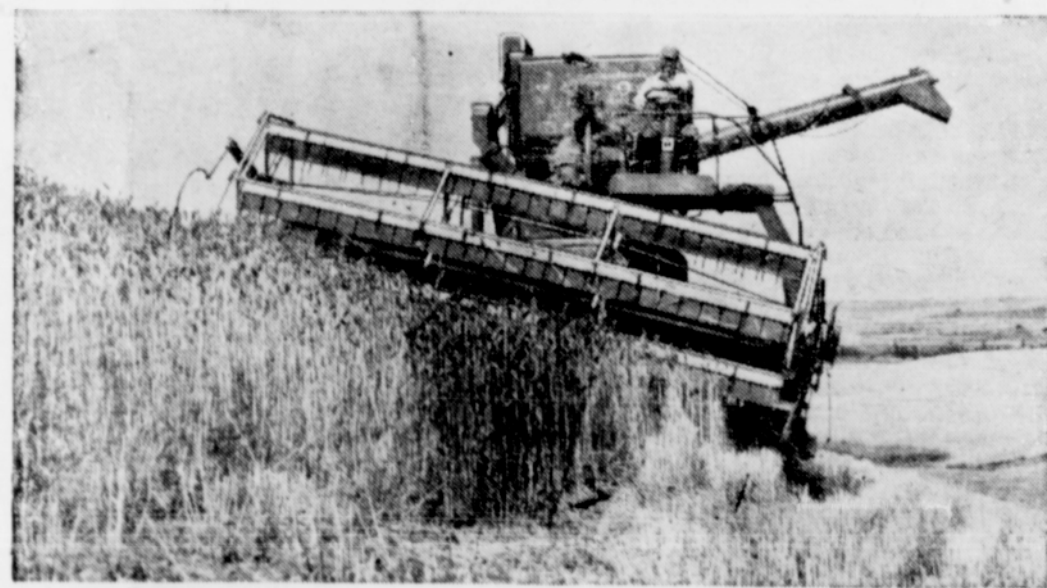
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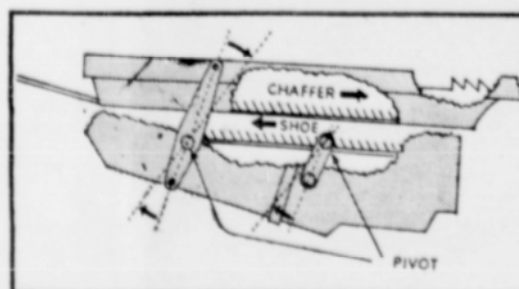
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