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#### WHEAT VOTE

Probably no segment of the nation's economy has been more whipsawed by politics than the wheat farmer, especially the big wheat farmer. Since the days of the Hoover Farm Board he has been subjected to controls by all sorts of political ideas. There has been little of hard, sound economics in the wheat business in that time.

In recent times the little wheat farmer (those with less than 15 acres) has had no controls, while the larger grower has been cut by about 40 percent of his acreage. This was recently changed, but in the process the little wheat farmer obtained the right to vote in the annual wheat referendum.

Tuesday the controls that were up for a vote were defeated, leaving the wheat farmer under controls as to acreage and without the support as to price.

The department of agriculture made as strong a campaign as possible for the referendum and in so doing gave permanent damage to the state colleges and the extension service which have previously tried to maintain neutral in such matters. The farmers voted decisively against controls.

We are not among those who think wheat farmers have benefited from government supervision, not since the days of the deepest depression. An industry as big and as important as the wheat growing business should operate on solid economic ground. The operators should be free to manage their business on the ranch, not by dictation from back in Washington. The principles of supply and demand should be observed.

Wheat farmers have obtained some good payments from the federal government. These have constantly grown less and the restrictions have grown more onerous. Prices of maintaining a farming outfit have gone up. It was about the end of the control system which had proven a failure.

No one knows whether congress will pass new regulations or not. Kennedy and Freeman say no. But congress might remove the remainder of the restrictions, that would give the wheat farmer when it is in its very worst condition. But if congress would keep the surplus which it has created, off the market—as Eisenhower once promised to do—the big wheat farmer would soon dominate the wheat market as he did for so many years. And he could prosperous doing it.

The vote is a step toward freedom for the wheat farmer. It is the hardest step for its cuts the price without removing the controls.

We do not look for the chaos prophesied by Secretary Freeman. The price may drop for a time, but the world price of wheat is high and the demand for the product is good and steady. No one has been trying to sell wheat for years, no one has been able to feed it. These can now be done and may soon make a favorable balance under natural economic conditions. GLF

The squelcher takes much joy out of life. Why spoil another's enthusiasm by being overly critical?

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#### CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

Governor Hatfield is supposed to be mildly unhappy at the prospect that the 1963 tax wrangle may be settled in a conference committee. Well, they usually are. A conference committee comes into being when the two houses in an American type legislature or congress do not agree on a bill. One passes it, the other amends it, and the first does not agree to the amendments. The presiding officers of the two houses then appoint members of the conference committee. In Oregon it is almost invariably two from each house. Congress sometimes names a large number.

These four meet, together with their advisors, and talk and argue for days and days and days. Not many such committees end with one meeting and then only when the differences are few or when a presiding officer appoints a conferee known to agree with the other house.

In tax matters both sides of the conference committee are composed of members of the tax committees. They wish to prevail from pride in their own work and their own house. Under these conditions it may be days before either side comes to realize that some compromise may be necessary.

We have known conferences to go on for weeks, meeting two or three times day and night, until every member was worn to complete exhaustion. Men have had to give up membership because they couldn't proceed, being completely worn out.

In such a case the decisions are made by the man who is the toughest physically, who can stay up more nights, retain an aggressive attitude more days, remember more arguments longer. No wonder the governor thinks it may not be the best way to make laws.

But it isn't so different. Physical and mental toughness is a necessary attribute to any legislator—or anyone else who hopes to prevail in controversy or argument. GLF

#### STATION PROBLEM

It has been necessary for some one to save the Sherman Experiment station several times in recent years. It may be necessary again. There is not enough money in the station account to continue all its operations for another biennium and the decision on what to do must be made by July 1.

Hiring of Don Graham as a soils man added to the cost although it completed the staff and increased the efficiency. Costs have naturally climbed in operation and appropriations have not kept pace. This year the legislature did not see fit to increase appropriations.

In such cases Sherman county has usually been informed. It is a little late to say that it should have been informed this time, as the legislature is about done.

We do not know who makes the final decisions as to how much of the state appropriation for the board of higher education goes to the many divisions: salaries, extension, research, maintenance and the others. We are sure that Sherman counties could do with a reduction in extension better than with a reduction in research. We think such a decision would be popular all over the state.

Therefore we hope that Sherman county can be heard and that other rural areas can also be heard on the curtailment of research when the extension service is being increased—and into some fields beyond the natural range of an agricultural college. GLF

The columnists are discussing the lack of individuals and the reasons therefore. Governmental generosity, which makes individual effort unnecessary, is one reason. Put, we think, the lack of incentive to become an individual is the greatest. The tendency toward sheep like conformity will not prevail forever.

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## Salem Scene

by Robert H. Eisner

### Disagreement Over How To Raise Taxes Prolongs Adjournment of 1963 Legislature

Disagreement between the House and Senate over how to raise taxes has given the 1963 Legislature the dubious distinction of holding the longest session in history. The old mark was equaled Tuesday, May 21, on the 128th day.

Most legislators are hopeful that things will wind up late this week, however. But it all depends on whether the House and Senate can agree on a tax package.

Several weeks ago, the House voted to raise most of the \$60 million additional money needed by the state during the next two years by levying a 4c per pack cigarette tax, plus a "net receipts" income tax. This proposal went to the Senate.

Then, last week, the Senate Taxation Committee came out with a re-worked version of the tax bill, which completely eliminates the cigarette tax. The best approach to rely on an even stiffer income tax.

The Senate proposal would raise approximately \$52 million in new revenue, all through increased income taxes. The House version would rely on income taxes for \$35 million and cigarette taxes for \$17 million.

Basically, this is what the Senate proposal calls for:  
—A tax range of 3% to 7% (The present rate scale is 3% to 9.5%).

—An increase in the personal exemption from the present \$600 to \$650, and in the case of joint returns, from the present \$1,200 to \$1,300.

—A reduction in the dependency exemptions from the present \$600 to \$400.

—A minimum tax (filing fee) of \$10, or \$20 on joint returns.

—Elimination of the federal tax deduction on state returns.

As reported several weeks ago, the House version also eliminates the federal deduction and calls for a flat 1% tax on all income up to \$16,000 or a flat 1 1/2% tax on all income over \$16,000, with no deductions or exemptions. In addition to the flat scale, the House proposal would also impose a graduated tax, ranging from 1% to 6%, but in this area reductions would be allowed.

The House plan would substitute a \$22 credit on computed taxes, rather than the present \$600 personal and dependency deduction.

In simple terms, the Senate's tax plan would cost more, as far as income taxes are concerned. The House version would require a smaller income tax hike, since it could rely on cigarette taxes to obtain some revenue.

Either way, taxes will be raised. Senator Anthony Yurri (R-Ontario) was one of the three members of the Senate Taxation Committee who voted against the program. He said he favors a cigarette tax and the House-passed "net receipts" approach. Other

members voting with Yurri in committee were Senators Donald Husband (R-Eugene) and Vernon Cook (D-Gresham). Senators voting for the bill in committee were Chairman Boyd Overhulse (D-Madras), Robert Elfstrom (R-Salem), Walter Pearson (D-Portland), and Glen Stadler (D-Eugene).

The \$10 minimum tax feature in the Senate version would serve to broaden the tax base and obtain revenue from many low income taxpayers who now pay nothing.

"It was the feeling of the majority of the committee that since by far the major part of the state's expenditure was for education, those people having children to educate were equitably the ones who should be paying the cost," said Sen. Overhulse. "I am sure that every taxpayer with a family recognizes this fact and is willing to bear his share of the tax load."

House Speaker Clarence Barton (D-Coquille) spoke out against the Senate's tax plan. He particularly opposes the proposed reduction of the dependency allowance from \$600 to \$400.

"The House should insist on an equitable tax bill," said Barton. "It shouldn't be hesitant to spend plenty of time to resolve the tax situation to its satisfaction and for the good of the people of the state."

If the Senate approves its Taxation Committee's proposal, it would then go to a House-Senate conference committee, in an attempt to resolve their differences.

And while they're doing this, the one fear in their minds will be that the final plan also must not be too objectionable to the voters. For in Oregon, the people have the right to initiate a referendum and possibly overrule a new tax. They've done it before.

#### Tiny Trappers

The bladderwort, a rootless plant which floats in marshy pools; has hundreds of pin-sized traps which capture tiny insects ultimately digested by plant juices.

#### County Ramblings

By Margaret Reil

Sherman Co. Extension Agent Of great interest to people here in the Columbia Basin is a new bulletin entitled "Bulgar—versatility plus". This publication was designed to inform the reader of a product that is relatively new on American Grocery shelves, but one which has been used for many hundreds of years in other parts of the world. Wheat, sometimes called "the staff of life", has been used in many forms in this country, but not until recently did the consumer find bulgar on the grocery shelf.

What is bulgar? It is either a sort of a hard wheat that has been soaked, cooked and then dried. After the drying process part of the bran is removed, and the kernels are either left whole or cut to suitable size. Bulgar is not a flour, but is a cereal product. It is sold under various trade names such as Ala, Sunnyland Bulghur, and Sun-Dry Bulghur.

These processed wheat particles are hard and glassy in appearance. Because of these characteristics, it can be kept in a loosely covered container on a cool shelf. The particles are just too hard for insects to bite into.

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