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EDITORIALS

NEVER-NEVER LAND

A left-wing columnist recently offered his readers the amazing argument that the fact that private utilities are big taxpayers while publicly-owned utilities pay little or nothing in taxes, should be given on consideration—for the reason that the utilities simply collect the money they pay in taxes from their customers, and so are not really taxpayers themselves.

That argument, widely extended, must inevitably lead into a never-never land of economic insanity. The shoe store doesn't pay taxes, because it adds them to the cost of the shoes you buy. Neither does the grocery store, because it adds its taxes on to your can of beans. Neither does any individual, because he gets his money from the concern for which he works, and so is not a tax middleman for them. But neither does the concern for which he works pay taxes, because it collects them from its customers, who really pay no taxes either.

We'd better stop this before madnes results. If the left-wing economist's argument is sound, nobody pays taxes at all. It is all done by magic. And so government might as well take over all business, as there is no real worry about tax revenue whether private enterprise exists or not.

There is the argument, carried to the point of reductio ad absurdum. And it is typical of the lengths to which those want to see the private electric industry socialized, are prepared to go. Any theory, no matter how unsound, if cleverly enough developed can be made to seem reasonable to the uninformed. And the friends of power socialism exploit public credulence to a far-the-wel.

But the fact remains that the utilities do pay millions to taxes every year—and that when government takes them over the rest of the taxpayers must take up the

burden. Many a community has discovered that sad truth to its disillusionment. But it doesn't look as if the majority of the people have yet been won over by these screwball arguments.

In Oregon, the legislature last winter passed a bill taxing the Public Utility districts (PUD's) just the same as private companies. Which fact seems not to have seeped through the heads of the advocates of such districts and which also means that the consumers in such districts are in for some fearful headaches. For first they will be taxed to pay for distributing the electricity they get from tax-free power plants on the Columbia. And second, they will be compelled to carry the big portion of the tax load for county, city and school district which the private company now pays.

It seems from the side lines that they are going to find the fire lots hotter than the frying pan they squawk about.

This Week "Write a Letter" Week

This being the week, October 1 to 7, set aside for observance of the second annual "National Letter Writing Week", we think that the following "Write a Letter" by James Mangan might be timely.

WRITE A LETTER

It's only a few steps to the nearest mail box—write a letter! Take a little of your heart and spread it over some paper; it goes oh, such a long way!

Write a letter to your mother or father, to your sister, brother, sweetheart, loved ones. Are they dear to you? Prove it with a letter! Write a letter and give them the same thrill you had when you last received that same kind of a letter. Think of the joy of opening the mail box and drawing out a warm envelope, enriched with the old familiar hand-writing. A personal letter—it's good to get one. So send one—write a letter!

Write a letter to the aged relative who hasn't many days to live, the friends of your father, the friend of your family, the one surviving link between your own present and past. Don't wait for that dear soul to die till you act. Act now with a message of love to cheer those last few days on earth. Sit down and start writing!

Write a letter to the author whose story gave you that delightful half hour last night. Write a letter to the cartoonist whose serial strip you avidly devoured this morning; to the teacher who inspired you twenty years ago; to the doctor who saved your baby's life; to your old employer to show him there was

something more between you than a pay check. Be a human being—write a letter!

There's a man in public life you admire, believe in, rave about. Write him a letter of praise, of encouragement. To be "with him in spirit" is not enough—show your spirit with a letter. We can't all be pioneers, crusaders, presidents—but we can help those brave men stay on the track and push through to a grand and glorious success if all we ever say is "Attaboy!" Write an "Attaboy" letter!

Write a letter and give. Give praise, encouragement, interest, consideration, gratitude. You don't HAVE to give these things; but the real letter is the one you don't HAVE to write!

The sweetest, gentlest and most useful of all arts—letter writing. Great, grand characters like Washington, Franklin, Lincoln, and the greatest men of all nations, have been regular letter writers. Write a letter!

Write it with pen pencil or typewriter. Use any kind of paper, any kind of spelling or grammar. It doesn't matter how you say it, and it doesn't matter what you say; its beauty, its gold lie in the pure fact that it's a letter! Each mistake is another handshake; every blot a tear of joy.

Do you see a job? Do you smell an order? Is your mind on business? Write a letter. Then write another letter. No business, no individual built on the "write a letter" rule ever failed. Because you simply can't fail, if you write a letter.

Try it, you'll like it. Great joy and many surprises are in store for you. You will get letters back. You'll get help from unexpected sources. All that you gave in your letters will be returned to you a

thousandfold. For a letter is a 3-cent investment in bountiful good fortune.

Write a letter! Whether you say: "Attaboy!" "Thanks!" or "I love you" always remember A LETTER needs No Excuse.—James Mangan.

WRESTLING NEWS

Big Hans (Hitler) Schulz added the name of Dave Levin to his victory-list last Monday night in the Medford armory, but unlike the other matches the German has won with ease, he was forced to battle furiously in order to defeat the popular ex-heavyweight champion.

As a matter of cold fact, Levin had all the better of the savage milling, but the luck which has followed Schulz in Medford held good and he manage to take two out of

three falls. The one fall Levin won, by the way, was the first Schulz had lost in four local starts.

Pete Belcastro, returning after several months absence, showed his old-time fire in walloping Billy Venable in two straight falls in the middle event.

Speedy LaRance beat Joe Smolinski in the opener, two falls to one, using his payoff Canadian grapevine both times.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bastien of Lewiston, Idaho, called on Mr. and Mrs. St. Arnold aSturday. Mr. Bas-

tien and Mr. St. Arnold were school mates in the late 90's at Little Falls, Minnesota, the birthplace of Chas. A. Lindberg.

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Notice of School Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of School District No. 7, of Jackson County, State of Oregon, that a SCHOOL MEETING of the said district will be held at High School on the 26th day of October, 1939, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of discussing the budget for the fiscal school year, beginning June, 1940, and ending June, 1941, hereinafter set forth, and to vote on the proposition of levying a district tax.

BUDGET

Estimated Receipts	
1. Balance on hand at the beginning of the fiscal school year (third Monday in June) for which this budget is made	\$ 600.07
2. To be received from the County School Fund	4,000.00
3. To be received from the Elementary School Fund	2,200.00
4. To be received from the State Irreducible School Fund	600.00
5. To be received from the Non-High School District for tuition	4,500.00
6. To be received from tuition for elementary school pupils	150.00
10. Total Estimated Receipts	\$12,050.07

Estimated Expenditures

I. GENERAL CONTROL			
1. Personal service:			
2. Clerk	\$ 87.50	\$ 87.50	\$ 175.00
3. Comp. Ed. and Census	12.50	12.50	25.00
4. Legal Services (Clerk's Bond, etc.)	30.00	30.00	60.00
5. Other expense Gen. Con.	50.00	50.00	100.00
6. Total General Control			\$ 360.00
II. INSTRUCTION—Supervision			
1. Personal service:			
2. Principal	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$ 2,400.00
5. Total Expense, Supervision			\$ 2,400.00
III. INSTRUCTION—Teaching			
1. Personal service:			
1. Teachers	\$7,250.00	\$7,250.00	\$14,500.00
2. Supplies (Chalk, paper, etc.)	400.00	400.00	800.00
3. Textbooks	400.00		400.00
6. Total Expense of Teaching			\$15,700.00
IV. OPERATION OF PLANT			
1. Personal service:			
1. Janitor's Salary	\$ 625.00	\$ 625.00	\$ 1,250.00
2. Janitor's supplies	175.00	175.00	350.00
3. Fuel	350.00	350.00	700.00
4. Light and power	175.00	175.00	350.00
5. Water	100.00	100.00	200.00
6. Telephone		50.00	50.00
8. Total Expense of Operation			\$ 2,900.00
V. MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS			
1. Furniture and Equipment	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	500.00
2. Buildings and grounds	400.00	400.00	800.00
4. Total Maintenance and Repairs			\$ 1,300.00
VI. AUXILIARY AGENCIES			
1. Library Books	\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00	\$ 250.00
2. Health service:			
1. Personal service (nurse, etc.)	250.00	50.00	250.00
2. Supplies and other expenses	50.00	50.00	100.00
3. Transportation of pupils		1,050.00	1,050.00
5. Total Auxiliary Agencies			\$ 1,650.00
VII. FIXED CHARGES			
1. Insurance	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ 300.00
5. Total Fixed Charges			\$ 300.00
VIII. CAPITAL OUTLAYS			
4. New furniture and equipment	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 550.00
7. Total Capital Outlays			\$ 550.00
IX. DEBT SERVICE			
1. Principal on Bonds		\$2,000.00	
4. Interest on Bonds		735.00	
9. Total Debt Service			\$2,735.00
X. EMERGENCY			
			\$1,500.00

RECAPITULATION

Total Estimated Expenses for the year	\$29,395.00
Less Total Estimated Receipts for the year	12,050.07
Amount to be Raised by District Tax	\$17,344.93
TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS OF DISTRICT	
1. Bonded Debt, including negotiable warrants	\$14,000.00
4. Total Indebtedness of District	\$14,000.00

Dated this October 3, 1939

Signed: HAROLD HEAD District Clerk ARNOLD BOHNERT Chairman, Board of Directors

Approved by Budget Committee October 3, 1939 A. E. POWELL Chairman, Budget Committee

Signed: GUY TEX Secretary, Budget Committee

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