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THEY WILL JUST PAY!

The bite is about to be put on many residents of the Tualatin Valley who happen to be employed in Portland. All indications point to a new device in taxation which will be in the form of a city income tax.

There are two sides to this picture.

On the one, the city of Portland finds itself sore beset by demands for essential municipal services. An increasing need for tax money has necessitated drastic search for revenue. As a result, a city income tax, to be additionally withheld from salaries and from annual profit speculations, will be levied "on a temporary basis".

On the other side, there are more and more demands for taxation being heaped upon the citizen. Taxes earn for themselves a particular loathing by those of us who pay them. And each new tax sends us scurrying off into a rage of some dimensions.

Recurring now in conversations of those affected by city income proposals in a popular charge that the New Deal, initiated by the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, is at the bottom of it all. Some opinions have it that if he had not started the philosophy of spending money back in the early '30s, when hunger, joblessness and fear gripped a large portion of the populace, there would be no such back-breaking tax demands now, some 15 or 16 years later.

A debate on the question of whether or not it is a sin for any capitalistic country to tax those who have means in order to feed those who haven't would bring up many arguments, pro and con. But the largest question is whether or not there is such a thing as social evolution.

In practically every country, there are governmental features of unemployment assistance and means of relief. And, likewise, there are international networks of organizations whose sole reason for operating is to bring some degree of relief for those who are buffeted by the storms of adversity.

The feeling of responsibility for those less fortunate is not an exclusive department of any political party. Though Republicans are enthusiastic in hanging the damning label of "New Dealer" on any one who is believed to be a Democrat, the public figures of the organization, particularly at campaign time, espouse the very basic features of many "New Deal" tenets.

All this, to be sure, is not by far divorced from consideration of local taxation crises. Because cities are required to wait until the federal, state and county governments have made their levy, their bite comes last. And taxpayers regard the total takes from their earnings when directing malevolent yipes at every new tax that shows on their horizons.

It is almost a safe gamble to prophesy that if Portland can make a city income tax stick there will be nothing temporary about it. The history of taxation is rich with examples of taxes that would be levied on "a temporary basis" and which are accepted into the very framework of government.

If this plan does go into effect, there will no doubt be many far-reaching threats made of people moving out of Portland and doing business elsewhere in order to escape the nuisance of another tax report to make. But the end result will be easily charted.

There won't be a large scale exodus. The business and real estate markets will not be crowded with those who would sell out at any price to escape the city tax.

Things will go on quite as usual. And the taxpayers will just pay!

Pioneer of Reedville Found Real Gold in Rush of 1849

WITH WIFE AND CHILDREN, A. J. MASTERS JOINED FRENZIED STAMPEDE TO FABULOUS PLACER FIELDS

By Hervey S. Robinson

(continued from last week)

A. J. Masters and his wife Sarah Jane (Jenkins) came to Oregon with the first general wave of immigration over the Oregon Trail in 1843. Like many others that year, he crossed the Willamette to find shelter with the hospitable mountain men and independent missionaries on the Tualatin Plains until he could provide another home for his family. The Masters spent their first winter on the donation land claim of George Eberts where Orenco is now located. There a son was born whom they named James.

When gold was discovered in California in 1848 most of the able bodied men in Oregon left for the mines. Some abandoned their claims and never returned to them. Others left their families to occupy their land and returned later. A few took their wives and children with them to California. A. J. Masters was one of the latter.

James was six years old when the family with twelve other wagons made the trip up the Willamette valley by ox teams across the Umpqua and Rogue river countries and over the Siskiyou mountains into California.

A. J. Masters did not mine for gold. He ran a hotel which probably brought him more gold than he could have dug from the mines. He remained in the gold fields for one year and returned by sail boat from San Francisco and again settled on the Tualatin Plains.

James relates: "We had a donation land claim of 640 acres at Reedville. Today the Southern Pacific tracks cut through the old claim."

James attended school about two and a half miles from the claim. It must have been at the old West Union school, district No. 1, Washington county.

He says, "Dad used to board us out with neighbors to send us to school during the six winter months. My what a job it was to plow two and a half miles through the mud every morning to school and then home again at night."

"My first recollections of going to Portland date back to about 1851, when we used to ride over the old wooden plank road. Dad helped to build that road," said James. "Later they changed it to a macadam road."

"The old railroad, which Joseph Gaston built, passed right through our place at Reedville. I had a hand in its construction. The roadbed of that old line, later taken over by Ben Holliday was a perfect farce. Instead of laying a level, straight right-of-way they built up and down over every hill and, one might say, around every stump."

"One of the biggest problems was the fact that the track and ties used to sink in the mud almost covering the wheels."

"After his father's death, James stayed on the claim with his mother until his marriage to Clarinda Harris in 1867. He then bought a farm adjoining his father's claim where he lived until 1888. Then he moved to Hillsboro. James related some experiences of his parents at Orenco during their first winter in Oregon. The Indians weren't bad that year," he said his mother told him. "But the wild animals made it very uncomfortable for

them. That winter dad spent most of his time working in fallen trees.

"Mother tells a story about one evening when she was left alone, with dad many miles away. The wolves, panthers and other wild animals growled outside the cabin. The wolves stuck their long noses through a crack in the walls and howled and shrieked. Mother took the poker and burned their noses to drive them away, but when one left another would take his place.

"When I told this story to a group of sons and daughters of pioneers, the young ladies declared they wouldn't have stood for it. They would have gone to the neighbors."

"Yes, I replied, you would have walked five or six miles and probably only a carcass would have been left to testify to your presence on earth."

(To be continued next week)

Y-Teens Peddle Hot Cross Buns For Three Weeks

For the first time since the recent war, Y-Teens of the Portland area will conduct an annual hot cross bun sale in and near the metropolitan area during a three-week campaign which started Monday, March 28 and will continue through April 16.

In Beaverton, Betty Moshofsky is president of the high school club. With over 200 members, the Beaverton organization is the largest in the Portland metropolitan area, according to YWCA release.

Purpose of the sale is to raise funds to send delegates to an annual summer conference, at Seabeck, Wash. and for representation at regional and national conferences.

Baked fresh each day, the fruit-filled buns will be delivered direct to homes by girls of 23 clubs. Each member has a quota of ten dozen during the campaign.

Y-Teens are younger members of the Young Women's Christian Association, ranging in age from 12 to 18 years old and students in junior and senior high schools.

Holstein Ass'n's Annual Sale on April 4th, 11 A. M.

The Oregon Holstein Breeders association will hold its annual sale of purebred stock at the Pacific International Livestock exposition grounds, Portland, Monday, April 4, starting at 11 a. m.

About 65 head of highly rated stock will be entered by leading breeders of Oregon and Washington. By tradition each member who can put at least one animal on the block to help other breeders acquire foundation stock of new families and blood lines. It is at these sales, too, that new breeders can buy with the advice of experienced men.

Although most of the Holsteins are expected to go to dairymen in this area, such sales attract buyers from nearly every section of the country, due to the national prominence of many Northwest breeders.

Catalogs, which give detailed pedigrees and records of each animal, are being mailed on request to prospective buyers by R. E. "Rube" Everly, New World Life building, Seattle, who will manage the sale. Everly, a Holstein authority, will come to Portland shortly

before the sale to consult with breeders regarding their herds and the possibility of future sales.

Holstein breeders who will enter stock in the sale are:

Oregon—C. R. Evans, Halsey; Pete Betschart, Tillamook; Rudy Luscher, West Linn; A. J. Evers, Forest Grove; Morningside Hospital, Portland; Linnere Farms, Portland; Benter Farms, Creswell; John Schild, Tillamook; S. B. Hall, Troutdale; C. J. Berning, Mount Angel; Melissa Barber, Nehalem; Dr. J. B. Harrison, Portland; Mt. Angel College, Mount Angel; Walter Brog, Woodburn; Bernard Vandecoevinger, Mount Angel.

Washington—Albert Steffen & Son, Monroe; Carnation Milk Farms, Carnation; Youngquist Brothers, Mount Vernon; Ivar Youngquist, Bow; Maid O'Clover Farms, Wapato; Martin Troosti & Sons, Carnation; Marston Ball, Burlington; Bishop Bros., Chima-cum, Ridgeport Dairy, Vancouver; Ed Dahlstedt, Burlington; Ed Sandborg and Merle Schenk, Bothell.

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WHY DO THEY?—Why do murderers, prostitutes, gamblers, the defeated and careworn trust themselves over to Him? It is because He proved His love by taking up among us as the Son of Man and dying for us.

PAOSHAN, CHINE—As the prisoners heard how Jesus forgave the thief on the cross, a murmur of hope sprang up in their hearts and they were touched to hear that the Son of God loved His enemies and prayed for them. At the invitation to accept Christ, fourteen responded, among them two murderers, one being a Buddhist, who confessed his need of the Saviour.

Dan Taylor

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