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The Fable of Tax Reduction

Man always has some ideal, some Utopia, for which he strives, to little or no avail. A few centuries ago alchemy—the making of gold from base metals—was a dream of the wise. Later, the uplift of the world depended on migrating to the newly found American continent. And today those who did cross the waters are seeking another fancy, that of tax reduction.

The American people, for years without end, have been talking tax reduction with one hand and signing bond issues with the other. Every election they have voted for candidates who promised lower taxes, and then stood by to watch the millage mount as an ever increasing lien against what property they own. To the close observer, and ardent Utopian, it is positively disgusting the way we talk about the weather and high taxes, but never do anything about either one of them.

As another step toward the goal we have watched over our shoulders comes the 20-mill tax limitation bill which will be voted on this fall. The measure, no doubt drafted in the sincerest and most earnest of spirits, seeks to limit by law the tax on property to 20 mills and no more, by cracker! It would clip more than half off the property taxes in most localities just like that.

Of course, where the remainder of the tax revenue would come from which our state government has become accustomed to is a wide open question, for it is quite unthinkable that legislators and taxing bodies will ever consider for one minute living within their reduced income should the measure pass. Only ordinary, common people ever try to live within their means, not great sovereign states the likes of Oregon.

One school of thought believes the only way to reduce taxes is to quit talking about slashing the pesky things and actually do something about it. Too logical, however, to be without a lot of impish little complications which will be pointed out by expert pointer-outers from now till polls close in November. Though the only way we can reduce taxes is to reduce them, the only way this state can continue to live in a manner to which we taxpayers were never accustomed is to continue property tax, until some other method of legal pocket-picking is put into operation.

The sales tax was recently defeated by Oregonians probably because, instead of either raising or lowering taxes, it merely juggled the burden about a bit. We Americans are action lovers, and will tolerate nothing that neither moves us definitely forward nor backward. More taxes or less taxes are clear-cut issues that even the man in the street can grasp, and the 20-mill tax limitation is so darned definite in its whack at property tax that those who like to see the dollars roll in every tithe-paying time had better look out.

There is no denying, however, that the 20-mill property limitation is quite somewhat of a slash. More than half the present property tax whacked off at one time hardly could be called looking before leaping. The idea has to be right, however, for so many other sure-fire tax reduction measures have failed that

seekers of Paradise have resorted to the old American stand-by, "there ought to be a law."

And with everyone having a tax to grind, there probably will be.



Harping on Hitler

Nearly every editorial writer in the country has had something to say concerning Hitler's sudden ascension to power in Germany, and his heavy wielding of the sword. He is quite thoroughly put on the pan in the American press.

First, The Miner would like to admit it knows practically nothing of Germany's problems and why Hitler has behaved as the papers say. The average reader, we believe, knows little more than what he has learned from stray bits of news, sketchy and prejudice-forming, and to that has added his own personal and quite unauthoritative opinions regarding Germany, Jews, any colored shirt order, and some vague person named Hitler.

There is one thing certain, however, and that is that what Hitler is doing in Germany, although it may affect us indirectly, is just about none of our business. We would resent writers from across the water having a lot to say about our president, and applying their habits of thought and accepted customs to our way of believing and doing things to justify their condemnation of Mr. Roosevelt. It is quite possible we have very little understanding of what Hitler's problems are, of his real aims, or of how situations now developing have to be handled in Germany.

Jackson county citizens should know, by now, that even people no farther away than Portland get some mighty funny ideas tucked away in their heads about how we run our political affairs here from reading newspaper accounts and harboring uninformed opinions.

There seem to be two or three problems of state left to solve in this country and, no doubt, enough German citizens are worrying about Hitler, one way or another, to spare us for concentration on our own troubles. Charity, and quite a few other things, should begin and stay at home.



Majesty of Justice

It was a year ago last March 10 that a criminal kidnaped a federal officer in Bellingham, Washington, chained him to a tree near Yreka, and there shot down and killed Officer Kent and Lester Quigley when the former attempted to arrest him after a chase through town. The murderer was sentenced many months ago to die, but just a few days ago, as another noble gesture of justice, he was granted another 50 days of legal red tape.

It must be disheartening to those who knew the slain men, and to the officers and jurists who attempted to administer justice to the criminal who, to save his own skin, shot two and kidnaped another with utter abandon, but who is taking advantage of every possible legal technicality to prolong his own life.

It is little wonder we often see officers who think "what's the use" when making of themselves a target for some hoodlum. The law—the same law they're attempting to enforce—will shield the murderer with iron walls and still more secure technicalities while the drop of a hat, or the mere pressure of a finger against a trigger will settle once and for all the fate of a defender of that law who deserves to live.

It is such ridiculous delays and discouraging weight of the wheels of justice that incubate crime and give too much advantage to the fellow it should be used against.

It seems, sometimes, that courts make much more fuss about the disposition of a worthless killer's life than is ever made over a good life murdered.

Vacations Over



Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the terms of the said execution, I will on the 22nd day of September, 1934, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., at the front door of the courthouse in the city of Medford, in Jackson county, Oregon, offer for sale and will sell at public auction for cash to the highest bidder, to satisfy said judgment, together with the costs of this sale, subject to redemption as provided by law, all of the right, title and interest that the said defendant, C. A. Bennett and Maude B. Bennett, husband and wife, had on the 22nd day of November, 1927, or now have in and to the following described property, situated in the county of Jackson, state of Oregon, to-wit:

Lot four (4) block three (3) Walnut Park Addition to the city of Medford, Oregon, as the same is numbered, designated and described on the official plat thereof, now of record.

Dated this 20th day of August, 1934.

WALTER J. OLMSCHIED,
Sheriff of Jackson County, Oregon.
By OLGA E. ANDERSON, Deputy.

(Aug 24, 31, Sept 7, 14)

In the County Court for Jackson County, State of Oregon IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GLADYS TREFREN, DECEASED.

Notice is given that the undersigned administrator de bonis non of the above entitled estate has filed in the above entitled court and matter his final account of the administration of said estate and by order of the above entitled court September 8, 1934, at the

hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. at the court room of the above entitled court at the Jackson county court house at Medford, Oregon, has been fixed as the time and place for the hearing and settlement of any objections to said account.
MARK BURKHART,
Administrator de bonis non.
(Aug 10 17 24 31)

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

By virtue of an execution in foreclosure duly issued out of and under the seal of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, in and for the county of Jackson, to me directed and dated on the 20th day of August, 1934, in a certain action therein, wherein Jackson County Building and Loan Association, an Oregon building and loan corporation as plaintiff, re-

covered judgment against C. A. Bennett and Maude B. Bennett, husband and wife, the defendants, for the sum of \$800.00 less the sum of \$193.32 paid on stock, less the sum of \$42.89 accrued earnings on said stock, being the sum of \$563.79 plus interest on \$800.00 from the 31st day of October, 1932, to the 9th day of January, 1934, at the rate of 10% per annum, being the sum of \$94.37, plus interest on \$563.79 from the 9th day of January, 1934, to the date here-

of at 10% per annum, being the sum of \$34.42, plus \$15.00 for insurance premium paid by plaintiff, plus \$5.00 for continuation of abstract of title, plus interest on said judgment at 10% per annum from date of decree with costs and disbursements taxed at forty-five and 80/100 (\$45.80) dollars, and the further sum of seventy-five and no/100 (\$75.00) dollars, as attorney's fees, which judgment was enrolled and docketed in the clerk's office of said court in said county on the 18th day of August, 1934.