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THE TRUTH ABOUT OREGON TAXES

Discussion of high taxes has been a favorite political sport in Oregon during the past year or so, and this state has gained much undesirable notoriety thereby. In the heat of the last political campaign, office-seekers—deliberately or otherwise—made extravagant statements that had little, if any, foundation in fact. Unfortunately, some of these campaign statements were broadcasted far and wide and no published refutation of the charge that taxes in Oregon are abnormally and excessively high, has been made to date.

Recently, there came to the office of the State Chamber a bulletin from the United States Chamber of Commerce. In this bulletin was a paragraph commenting on high taxes throughout the nation. It looked interesting—in view of the fact that Oregon under the indictment of "abnormally and excessively high taxes"—so we wired for a complete report. It is now on our desk, and from it a few interesting and enlightening facts can immediately be deduced.

Taxes on land in Oregon, says the report, amount to 78 cents per acre, as compared to \$1.40 per acre in the neighboring state of Idaho and 78 cents per acre in California. Oregon taxes, therefore, are not excessively high as compared with these two adjoining states.

How does Oregon compare with the entire United States? The average for all states in the Union is 70.9 cents per acre—and this includes comparatively non-agricultural states like Arizona, whose taxes on farm lands are but 7 cents per acre. Oregon is slightly higher than the average, but are taxes here abnormally high? If so, what of Pennsylvania, whose tax per acre is \$1.11? Or Michigan, with \$1.58 per acre? Or Indiana, with \$2.09 per acre? Or the great state of New Jersey, whose farmers are now paying \$2.22 per acre? Oregon taxes are but 78 cents per acre—about one-third that of New Jersey.

There is another angle to the question of taxes in Oregon as compared with other states. The figures quoted relate to taxes per acre of farm land. Oregon is essentially an agricultural state, and for this reason, perhaps, more than the ordinary share of taxes is charged to farm lands. Even so, taxes in Oregon are not abnormally high.

Another significant fact in connection with this report, is the value of Oregon plow lands as compared with other states—and this, too, has a bearing on the question of high taxes. The report shows that the average value of good plow land throughout the United States is \$84.73 per acre; in Oregon it is \$106 per acre. There are only eight states in the Union whose good plow lands are valued higher than in Oregon.

In Indiana, for example, a tax of \$2.09 per acre is paid on lands valued at \$105 per acre. In Oregon, on land valued at \$106 per acre, a tax of but 78 cents per acre is paid.

We hold no brief for taxes in Oregon. Taxes on land throughout the entire United States have more than doubled in the last eight years, according to the report. This is attributed partly to increased assessed valuation and partly to increased cost of state and local government. Whatever the reason for high taxes, it is a nation-wide condition. It is not confined to Oregon in any sense of the word.

It is, therefore, only a half-truth to say that taxes are high in Oregon; the whole truth would include the fact that taxes are high everywhere. It is distinctly untrue to make the statement that taxes in Oregon are abnormally or excessively high. The United States Department of Agriculture—and there is no higher authority—says that Oregon compares very favorably with other states.—Oregon Journal of Commerce.

Chicago Baby Develops Remarkably



Little Norma Loeb, five-week-old daughter of Dr. Carl Loeb of Chicago, shows the most wonderful development of any child born in Chicago during the last decade. Norma sleeps on her stomach on a board covered with a cloth to develop her stomach muscles. She has lived on fruit juice since she was one week old. She sits in a chair without any support and walks when supported by her mother. She took several steps for the benefit of the photographer.

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on Thursday for California.

Jack Martley and son were here from Portland Tuesday and Wednesday and made final arrangements for the establishment of a creamery here. The Harry Murchie building has been rented and they hope to begin business about the 15th.

Mrs. P. M. Smith, who has been ill with the flu, is much improved at this date.

Ben Culver of Portland was a business visitor in town Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Nate McComber drove to Pilot Rock Friday with Mrs. L. C. Mathews, who has been visiting at the Macomber home. Mrs. Macomber and Mrs. Mathews are sisters.

H. E. Warren is a business visitor in Portland this week.

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Dr. Chick received painful injuries this morning when starting to drive his car from the Heppner garage. The driver of the Standard Oil delivery truck was cranking his engine when it went into reverse and butted into Dr. Chick's car. Chick was injured about the hip and Charlie Vaughn, one of the proprietors of the garage was knocked down and bruised.

The damage to the cars was slight.

FINE RAIN FALLING

Rain commenced falling at 4:00 P. M. yesterday and has continued steadily since that time. The ground is thoroughly saturated and it looks like a bumper crop year for sure.

BOARDMAN

Boardman, Ore., April 14.—Misses Wilma Gilbreath and Frances Blayden were shopping in Hermiston on Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McDaniels are now occupying rooms in the Harry Murchie residence.

Mrs. Max Dewese was a visitor in Boardman last Saturday.

B. S. Kingsley of Portland was in Boardman on business last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Johnson and family drove to Wasco last Sunday where they attended the 55th wedding anniversary of Mr. Johnson's mother and father. About fifty of the immediate family and neighbors were present.

Mr. Johnson, as delegate from the Community church here, went on to Moro, where he attended the Presbytery meeting.

Chas. McDaniels returned Sunday from Heppner where he has been on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Basil Harrison of Hardman, are visiting with Mrs. Harrison's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Warren.

H. N. Hopkins left Monday for Prineville where he will work on the highway this summer. The Hopkins family recently moved into the Vogen building.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McDaniels entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Alex Warren and Mr. and Mrs. Basil Harrison.

Mrs. Hiatt, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Royal Rands, left Sunday for her home in La Grande.

Orville Carpenter arrived Sunday from Cedar Point, Kansas.

C. C. Paine, a former resident of Boardman, is here from Clatskanie for a few days on business. Mr. Paine is connected with the dairy industry at Clatskanie.

R. N. Hatch and D. Lanson came up from Portland last week after their trucks which had been stored here during the winter. They left

CROCKER CHOSEN HEAD OF UMATILLA RAPIDS PROJECT

Hermiston, Ore., April 12.—E. R. Crocker, reclamation service engineer during the last 15 years, and stationed on the Umatilla project during the last three years, will be charge of the survey of the Umatilla rapids project. A wire to this effect was received this morning by Project Engineer Schilling.

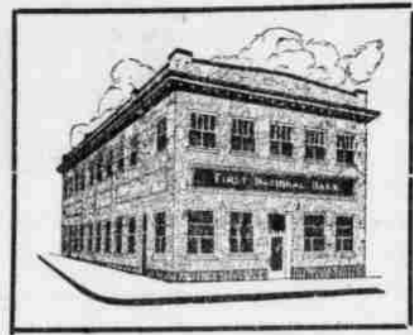
Before coming to the Umatilla project Mr. Crocker was for 12 years on the Sun river project in Montana. He is classed as an engineer of wide experience and much ability. Accordingly his friends are much gratified at the big job that is being entrusted to him.

It was presumed Mr. Crocker would be in charge of the engineering work on the McKay dam. However, the news received today changes the situation. He has been doing some work in connection with the McKay project and will complete that before taking up the Umatilla rapids survey.

LOOK OUT FOR HOG CHOLERA.

(By F. E. Price)

Rumors have been going about in some parts of the county that hogs are dying from cholera. One of these cases was investigated by the county agent but no positive proof of the disease could be found. The hogs might have had cholera but the case was not reported soon enough to hold a post mortem and decide the matter definitely. Every farmer of Morrow county is certainly interested in keeping down the losses from this disease to a minimum. According to government statistics, the losses from hog cholera in Oregon each year is between four and nine thousand hogs. Hog cholera is the most furious disease of hogs. Anyone knowing of cases that give indications of being hog cholera should report them promptly to the county agent. This will enable control measures to be adopted at once if the disease is present. The bureau of animal industry has made a study of the disease and finally developed an anti-hog cholera serum which is the only known reliable preventive agent. By treatment according to this simultaneous inoculation method or the double treatment method, as it is often called, hogs can be permanently immune from the disease. Fred McMurray, H. G. Rankin and J. Pettys of Ione, had their hogs vaccinated according to this treatment last week. No hogs have been lost on any of these ranches, but it was thought that possibly there might be some cholera in the vicinity as there had been some losses near by. There are several cases in Wasco county at the present time, according to Mr. Derfingler, of the state veterinary office. No cases are known in Morrow county. Let us all keep on the look out and keep it out of Morrow county.



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Jack Hynd, accompanied by Miss Annie Hynd and Mrs. Frank Madden, spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Heppner.
B. F. Morgan and family were business callers in Cecil on Tuesday.
Mrs. Lena Snell Schurte, county superintendent, of Heppner, visited the Cecil school Tuesday.
R. Balcomb, of Morgan, was a Cecil caller on Monday.
Mr. and Mrs. L. D. May, of The Dalles, are visiting with Mr. and Mrs. T. W. May of the Lone Star ranch.
Bob Thompson and Guy Boyer of Heppner were busy men around Cecil on Wednesday.
A. Henriksen and son, Clifford, of Lexington were callers at the Oral Henriksen ranch of Ewing on Thursday.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Henriksen, of the Strawberry ranch, also Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Streeter, of Cecil, were callers in Heppner on Saturday.

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