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While there is somewhat of a tendency on the part of the management of the coming county fair to lay stress on the amusement features, it should not be overlooked that there will be brought together one of the finest displays of the products of the county that has ever been assembled. This has been an exceptionally good year for the production of grain, fruits and vegetables in Morrow county, and the fair board are not overlooking the matter of having these well represented at the pavilion. So while you may be attracted by the amusement features, and these, by the way, promise to be good, come prepared to see a fine exhibit of the products of the county. And while you are about it, don't overlook anything good that you may have produced on the farm and in the garden this season and prepare it for the fair. Primarily this is what the fair is for: to show what you have been able to excel in during the year in production on your farm. Bring in your prize grains, vegetables, stock and poultry and show your neighbors what you have; don't come to the fair to find fault with what you may see, and make a lot of talk about what you have left at home that was so much better. By bringing in your stuff you will add to the volume and attractiveness of the exhibits and the interest and instructiveness of the fair. Tax money is not spent on a county fair just altogether for amusement. The fair is an educational institution well worth while and it should be freely patronized as such.

A Rotten Practice

The big city dailies, the leading political organs of the nation, have a habit of attempting to discredit and hamper official appointees and elected officers before they take office—which means before they have anything to criticize—that ill becomes them as supposedly honest and honorable workers for the general welfare.

Let a bunch of appointments be made by the present administration and the recipients of the plums are heralded to the world by the opposition organs as blackguards of the deepest dye. The reader is apt to wonder where such a bunch of incompetent, irrelevant and immaterial atoms could be secured in this land of the free and the brave.

A cartoon in a recent issue of the Oregon Journal is a fair sample of the treatment accorded the men who are to fill important positions. It is a disgrace to a great newspaper, but does not put the Journal in a class by itself by a long shot. The press on both sides pursues very similar tactics.

The newspaper with the backbone to go after a bad public officer is an asset to the country. The one that attempts to handicap the public officers by discrediting them and thus hindering them in their administration, places party politics ahead of a square deal and the successful operation of the functions of the government. Such actions are narrow minded, carrying on a political campaign is a curse to the country.—Central Oregonian.

The Sales Tax

There are many effective arguments, of course, to be urged against the proposed sales tax. One of the strongest is that the poor widow is thereby mulcted of part of the mite she is compelled to spend to feed and clothe her fatherless family. Nevertheless, the bald fact remains that the nation needs additional revenue, and must secure it somehow, somewhere. Any sort of tax is objectionable, and the problem becomes one of choosing the least of evils.

To us it occurs that the sales tax has some features to recommend it as less inequitable than others. For one thing it ought to come nearer than other systems of taxation to taxing the citizen in proportion to his means. The man who is able to spend five thousand dollars a year would pay five times the tax of his neighbor who spends only a thousand dollars. The very poor who can expend little would pay little. The prodigal whose principal object in life is to get rid of his dollars would contribute to the government a premium on his extravagance. The thrifty man would be afforded an added incentive for thrift. The spent dollars would pay the tax, not the conserved dollars so vital to the country's industrial and commercial welfare.

It seems to us that the farmer ought to favor the sales tax, more especially if it exempts, as in Canada, the products of the farm. The farmer bears his full burden of state and county taxation by reason of the fact that his land cannot escape the assessor. It is more difficult for him than almost any other class to evade

the income tax. The farmer is not a tax dodger; he cannot be. Why, then, shouldn't he welcome a tax that nobody can dodge? Of the 25,000,000 voters in the United States only five million pay income tax, it is said, and it is also said that to collect the income tax costs the government thirty cents on every dollar. The more than twenty millions who escape an income tax ought to be taxed on the things that they buy. They owe that much support to the government.

Any sort of tax is, in the last analysis, paid by the ultimate consumer. Producers add the cost of all taxes to the cost of their goods, and the consumer is the inevitable goat. The sales tax would simplify the process. In Canada, where its operation is highly successful and equally profitable to the government, the sales tax is called the Painless Tax because the consumer doesn't know he is paying it and makes no fuss about it. Now really, gentle reader, wouldn't a Painless Tax in this land of painful taxes be a welcome innovation on this side of the line?—Weston Leader.

Slats' Diary

By ROSS FARQUHAR.

Friday—pa acks funny & tawks kweer sum times. tonite I was a juggeling 3 golf balls & pa sed stop that I sed why so & he replied & sed Evry time I see 3 balls I think of my watch down in New Orleans. are unkel & his wife brot there 2 twins to see us today & pa looked at them & smiled & sed which I is the oldest I. ma sed Haint it foolish for enny I to go to Afrika to hunt Ivory.

Saturday—mister snook down by the rale rode sed his wife dussent kiss him enny more. I guess he hassent got enny breth wirth hunting for since probishun come.

Sunday—fine day for swimming, went to church, the preacher had a sermon about Do good to them which uses you hateful. When pa got home he carried in water & helped ma sit the table and ackted like a kid trying to bum a dime out of his ma.

Monday—pa is turning bolshevik I guess. he sed a 5c seegar is wirth just what it costs & a nickel aint wirth nothing nowadays. he sed he dussent no how he is going to vote. I bet ma does.

Tuesday—pa all ways pays his dets. if he can. he sed if ole man Hickox wood pay all he owes fokes he woodent ave no xcuse to go to the post ofis for his male.

Wednesday—my ants dawter also my cuzzen is here & ma ast her diddent she want to go to the pitcher show. she sed O I havent a thing to ware. so she went up & drest. when she cum down pa sed to me privately by Golly she told the truth I guess. She was drest kinda economical.

Thursday—pa got mad at the garage man & sed sum nasty wirts to him. At home he laffed & sed he hoped the fella woodent take it to hart. later they was a offiser nooked on the dore & pa lernit he had tuk it to cort.

Home Town Paper Week

It is very rare that the average newspaper boosts its own business, but gives quantities of space in boosting the affairs of others.

Somebody suggested that it was time for the newspapers of the county to adopt a week in which their own business should be given precedent, and the Gazette-Times thoroughly endorses the idea.

The date set is the second week in November, from the 7th to 12th, including the great world event, Armistice Day.

The official title for the week will be "Subscribe for Your Home Town Paper Week."

Thousands of papers will join in this event, and our readers will hear more about it as time goes on.

Ever ready to help in any cause that is in the interests of a better community, better living conditions, and better government, we now ask the readers and advertisers of the Gazette-Times to turn in and lend a hand during "Subscribe for Your Home Town Paper Week," and boost for us.

For Patriots Who Think

We doubt if the average citizen realizes the tremendous growth that the Boy Scout movement has made in America of recent years.

Do you know that there are seventeen thousand, seven hundred troops of Boy Scouts in this country, so that there is not a city and hardly a town or village without one or two troops?

And do you realize that the number of uniformed Boy Scouts in good standing in those troops is now well over four hundred thousand?

Wherever you find a Boy Scout you also find a manly, reliable, self-reliant boy who is anxious to do good deeds in this world. Judge Daniel B. Trade, of Chicago, says that of the thousands of boys who have been brought into his court, not one has been a Scout. Juvenile judges all over the country make the same report.

Boy Scouts graduate into American citizenship in a few short years, and fine citizens they are, a most

heartening fact to patriots who think.

You remember the good meetings had by the Brotherhood during last winter. This organization will take up its work again, and the first meeting is arranged for the 12th of this month. This is an organization that should interest every man in the city, and the membership roll for the coming year should be practically double that of last year. There is much that can be accomplished for the good of the community by these get-together meetings every month. If you should be approached by a member of the committee and asked to sign up the membership roll for another year, don't turn him down, but get in line and let us make it unanimous.

It has been a real joy to the citizens of this town to have so many of the streets sprinkled this season. The dust has been kept down very materially and the air cooled and the joy of living considerably enhanced thereby. During the week a committee of the council has been making the rounds of the citizens and business houses in order to get their contribution towards paying for this service and we have not learned with what success. We presume, however, that the necessary funds were raised, and hope that it was enough to continue the service for the month of September, at least.

Your harvesting is well done by this time and the most of the grain is in the warehouse and on the way to market. Just forget the cares of the farm and ranch and be on hand for the three days of the county fair, Sept. 15, 16 and 17. Make it one grand holiday and a real celebration of the harvest season. It should be a genuine harvest festival.

J. P. Lucas, who is running one of the big farms adjoining Lexington, and who this season marketed a large crop of wheat, was in Heppner for a short time on Monday, looking after business matters.

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