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Reduction of taxes is the thought uppermost in the minds of most people just now, and especially is this the case with the office seeker. The man who would be elected to a remunerative office is particularly solicitous about the welfare of the dear people just now, and in his efforts to make himself popular with the electorate he is quite certain that he is the one who discovered that taxes are too high and if the people will but elect him to office their tax troubles will be at an end. Such talk now is mere campaign fodder. It has been the hue and cry of office seekers since the establishment of electoral offices. Men have been elected on that platform year in and year out and still taxes have continued to climb. In Oregon during the past twenty years most of the rise in taxation has been due to the direct vote of the people themselves. If the taxes are to be reduced it looks like it is up to the people to vote that way, or change the system of lawmaking in the state. The pledge of a would-be office holder will not bring it about.—*Joseph Herald.*

Fighting the Bloc

Senatorial spokesmen for financial and manufacturers' lobbies continue their vicious opposition to the agricultural bloc. Were they successful in their attacks on the farmers' alignment their opposition would be tragic; being futile, it is merely funny.

The logic of the finance-controlled senator condemning the agricultural bloc is simple: "All other interests have been organized for many years; the farmers have not. Therefore the farmers are sinners." Which is reasoning very much like Sydney Smith's famous syllogism: "Adam was the first man; all men are born of Adam; therefore elephants are fond of peanuts."

Fortunately, a better reason for opposition than this must be found before the agricultural bloc is disturbed.—*The Producer.*

Slats' Diary

By ROSS FARQUHAR

Friday—I am afraid pa is going to loose his job and get out of work.

He was writing about a lady witch died while living out in the Country and I gess he got it mixed up with another story for at the bottom of the peace he sed—The loss was Fully covered by Insurance. The boss found it out in time to Keep it out of the paper. Witch was Lucky for Pa.

Saturday—Ted had a berth day Party down to his house tonite. Red Smith was there and him and me is Deadly Enemies. So I sed to him. One of us has got to go. I of us did. I hope they are having a rotten time at the party.

Sunday—My eye looked bad so I diddnt go to Sunday skool. It was a Beautiful day. The sun shined and the roads as good so are little family went for a trip in the ford. We past the skool house where pa went to skool when he was a Innocent lad. It brot back a lots of Fond memrys to pa and he sed That there skool turned out sum of the best men in the united States. Ma confided to me that it turned him out witch was why he never Graduated out of it.

Monday—Jane got real Insulting with me today. I was a telling her about are Family tree and how proud we was of it. And she sed What part of the tree are you. You must be the sap. But just wait. It is a long worm that has no turning.

Tuesday—Pa must of done sum thing zwful today. He brot home sum Flours for ma. then he tuk her out to eat dinner and then he tuk her to the pitcher show and set in twenty 8 cent seats. It was all I cud do to help frum laffing. Because us men understands each other. In occasions like them.

Wednesday—I thot Jane was a trying to make up with me today. I herd her Whistle so I goes up to her and ast her was she a looking for me. She sed I was looking for a Gentlemen but you will do. I want sum I to Fix my roller skate. But the skate diddnt get fixed. As far as I was Concerned.

Thursday—I was absence from skool this morning & I tuk a xcuse at noon when I went back. Teacher ast me if my ma rote it or my pa. I sed ma of course. I wodent want to use none of pa's xcuses because he never gets by with them. A specially with ma.

If George Washington never told a lie it's a cinch he was never a newspaper reporter and had to write up funerals and weddings.

If Mr. Burbank wants to do something that will send his name thundering down the ages, let him cross the pig and the hen, and produce an animal or fowl that will lay ham and eggs.

Commissioners who inspect movie pictures and censure them have an awful snap. Nothing to do but sit around and see the pictures and get paid for it.

DR. CONDER WRITES AGAIN

Editor Gazette-Times:

Upon my arrival home April 1st, I note that you have printed what I wrote you from Benton, Illinois.

As indicated in that article, I came north from Benton, crossed the Mississippi river at Quincy, Illinois, into northern Missouri and spent two days with my father on the ranch near Edina, Missouri, and from there to Kirksville where I took the Wabash, being called to the southern part of the state. My observations briefly stated in last article are only emphasized the more by conditions everywhere I went.

WAITING, WAITING, WAITING.

In Illinois the state highway commission has been waiting with money on hand to build roads. Waiting for the readjustment of prices on material and labor. At Kirksville, both the dean and president of the State Teachers college told me that they had the cash on hand to put up much needed buildings on the campus, but were waiting for the readjustment of prices of material and labor.

The hotels at Kirksville were full of traveling men who wanted to go out a few miles into the country from the railroad, to see country merchants and were cursing and sweating because the roads were too muddy, while Missouri has been doing so little in the last few months, and are waiting for the readjustment of prices of material and labor, before proceeding with road building program.

At Fulton, Missouri, another college center, they told me substantially the same story. Everywhere I heard it repeated by people who seemed to know what they were talking about, that Iowa was the "worst hit state in the Union."

It is my opinion that there is and has been no over-production; it is only a matter of proper distribution. I was on the Union Pacific system lines for most of my journey coming and going, and I noticed for miles and miles the right of way had been farmed. In Colorado and Wyoming where the right of way is much wider than in other states, this was very noticeable, but no less so than on the high priced lands between Kansas City and St. Louis.

PRICE OF PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION.

What is most needed is a baptism of sanity, or sound, thoughtful, conservative thinking with our hand on the throttle, eyes on the track ahead with orders for "full steam ahead." "Let's go." No time for freak legislation favorable to one class at the expense of another. Bankers, lawyers, merchants, farmers, stock raisers and professional men must all bear their share of this adjustment.

One of the biggest, brightest, professional men whom it has been my pleasure to meet, boarded the train at his home town, Independence, Missouri. He introduced himself to me within an hour after entering the train and we occupied the same Pullman on our journey to Salt Lake City. He was not only a professional man, but he was a business man and owned extensive interests in ranches and was engaged in the raising of sheep on a ranch on the Oregon Short Line railroad.

He told me that they had suffered the greatest loss this winter in their sheep raising business, because of the weather conditions and shortage of feed. He told me it was impossible because of the cost of transportation to ship the sheep to feed. They shipped an abundance of corn to their sheep, but this would not sustain them because of the unusual weather conditions on their ranches.

On this same Pullman sleeper for more than two days together with us were men from different sections of the country. I remember one very bright, intelligent business man from Vermont, another from Pittsburgh, one from Iowa and several others who engaged in these discussions and conversations which took the form more of a "round table." A few days cooped up together in a Pullman sleeper is a good occasion to get the opinion of men who are traveling and may know considerable about conditions in different parts of the country. And these together with the other people whom I have met on the last month of travel, left the impression that what we most need today is trust in other people, and to get to work and keep everlastingly at it. There is no over production and there will be shortage in almost every line within twelve months from date.

There will not be enough meat because of the scarcity of cattle, sheep and hogs. There will be a scarcity of power because of the scarcity of horses and mules and this will lead to the shortage of foodstuffs in all lines, as sure as time, within the next few years.

We in Morrow county, Oregon, have felt the strain of readjustment less, and will continue to feel it less of any people on earth.

J. PERRY CONDER.

CECIL ITEMS OF INTEREST

R. A. Thompson of Heppner made a hurried trip to The Shepherd's Rest on Tuesday. His shepherds certainly got no "rest" for R. A. soon had several of his bands of ewes and lambs on the trail for his Heppner ranches in charge of Lon Merrill, Gene Penland and Al Goosen. Bill Pearson is left behind at The Shepherd's Rest and we heard him say he will take a good "rest" before he leaves with his band of ewes and lambs or know why "Bob" left him alone without even a coffee pot.

Surely the county weather prophet has been at work again with his evil eye on Cecil especially. Friday, April 7th was a beautiful, warm day everybody busy out of doors. Saturday, April 8th, cold, windy and any amount of ice on all ranch watering troughs, etc. Everyone crawling into their winter furs once more and hugging the old heating stove and muttering, "With all thy faults, I love thee still."

Many inquiries have been made since last Saturday night regarding a sign post which has been erected near the Cecil bridge. No one can give any information but the sign reads, "B. B. 8 miles to Kork." The "mayor" and "Constable John" are at their wits ends to know where Kork is for they are sure B. B. means "Bottled Bee." Oh! they are so dry!

Master Noel Streeter was exploring on various parts of Butterby Flats along with Master Jackie Hynd on Sunday. These two future ranchers were so engrossed in their exploits that the dinner gong failed to bring them to time, but by evening they were first at the supper table and the last to leave.

Elmer Williams, government trapper, left on the local for Portland on Tuesday. Harold Ahalt who is now trapping for the government was a caller in Cecil on Wednesday and had succeeded in getting seven coyotes in a very short time.

A large party of young people from Cecil vicinity took in the big vaudeville show in Morgan hall on Tuesday night. They were in charge of "Constable John" and of course were a well behaved bunch, and all report a good show.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Henriksen of Willow Creek ranch and also Geo. Henriksen of Strawberry ranch returned to their respective homes on Tuesday, after attending the golden wedding activities of their parents in Portland.

Jack Hynd, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Annie and also Miss Eleanor Furney, teacher in Cecil school, autoed to Castle Rock on Saturday for a change of scenery.

Mrs. Mary Halferty and son Ray of Shady Dell ranch, accompanied

by Miss Grace Palmateer, teacher of the Four Mile school, spent Sunday with friends near Ione.

Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Tyler and children and also Grover Curtiss of Rhea Siding were all visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Logan at Cecil on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Van Schoiack and children from Arlington were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Krebs at The Last Camp on Sunday.

Mrs. J. E. Crabtree and children of Dotheboys Hill ranch, also Mrs. Roy Stender of Seldomsen ranch were callers in Cecil on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Gentry of Heppner made a short stay in Cecil on Monday on their return journey from Arlington to Heppner.

Mrs. Geo. Noble of Rhea Siding and also Miss Edith Swick, teacher of Rhea Siding school, were callers in Cecil on Tuesday.

State Engineer Baldock of La

Grande and Resident State Engineer Smith of Ione were in Cecil on Wednesday for a short time.

Bob Ballentine, who has been working on Willow creek for several months left on the local for Pendleton on Wednesday.

Mrs. Roy Scott of The Lookout spent Wednesday at the Highway House, Cecil, as the guest of Mrs. T. H. Lowe.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Harbison of Morgan were calling on their friends in Cecil on Sunday.

Misses Doris and Dana Logan spent Saturday with Miss Crystal Roberts at Ewing.

Ellsworth Rickett and friends of Heppner were callers in Cecil on Thursday.

C. A. Minor of Heppner made a hurried trip to his Cecil ranches on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Philips were visiting at Butterby Flats on Sunday.

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