

# Sane Tax Thinking an Oregon need.

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Author of the Dennis Resolution.

Once believing, as many honestly now believe, that a state income tax was the solution of taxation problems, I favored it. When chairman of the Assessment and Taxation Committee of the 1923 Oregon Legislative

Session I assisted in framing and adopting a state income tax law.

It reached a few individuals who were making good incomes and paying little, if any, property tax, but it drove from Oregon millions of very badly needed investing capital, as everyone knows who has kept posted on this state's affairs.

A direct case that forced me to know a state income tax at this period of Oregon's development is unwise, was a million dollar investment which had been planned for the city in which I then lived. This investment hesitated until the state income tax law was repealed. It then proceeded to locate within that city's corporate limits paying municipal, high school and other taxes willingly. It also brought in a pay roll of at least, \$20,000 a month.

This is but one instance of a good many throughout the state, which proves that no matter how pretty the theory of state income tax may seem to be, Oregon can ill afford to adopt such a business policy when no other western state has it, and our dire need is to secure more people with investing capital to develop industry within our borders.

Lower taxes will never be done by an ambitious and progressive people. That has been demonstrated time and again when seemingly worthy projects of economy have failed of popular sanction. The demand of the public for improvements is so great that administrative economy effects but small savings.

These facts being of common knowledge and to a great extent, of record, how are Oregon people to obtain any tax relief?

Just one way: Attract more people and more investing capital to share the public burden.

No state secures new industry and new investing capital without offering some inducement.

That is why I introduced Senate Joint Resolution No. 5, commonly called the "Dennis" resolution, in the 1925 Legislative Session. That is why it was passed by the legislature and offered to Oregon voters for their consideration at this general election.

It provides that no income tax and no inheritance tax can be levied by the state of Oregon before 1940.

The Dennis Resolution is simply a business proposition. It is all nonsense for Oregon to adopt an income tax law one year, repeal it the next and then adopt it again the following year. By such methods the state gives outsiders and her own people, the idea that we are all confused and cannot think out for ourselves and adopt a fixed policy relating to our financial affairs. It leaves the commonwealth in an unsettled condition, and causes constant uncertainty, under which business and industry and the daily affairs of the people cannot prosper. The Dennis Resolution guarantees to invest capital and to all business generally a safe and sane policy until the year 1940 by assuring that this commonwealth will levy no state income or inheritance taxes on her people until that year.

Taking of inheritance taxes for that period is also a direct bid for investing capital. The state treasury instead of losing any money by doing away with the inheritance tax, will gain many times such amount by the increased wealth attracted to Oregon which will pay its regular taxes.

Capital seeks the channels of greatest awards and least hazards.

We have everything to attract it in the way of resources and climate.

Now, let us do some hard thinking, cease calling each other names for a time, and vote for Oregon's advancement and prosperity.

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Vote 329 X No—Offset Income Tax Bill.  
Vote 335 X No—Grange Income Tax Bill.

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## Life on Other Planets

The question as to whether there is life on Venus or not cannot be answered definitely. Dr. C. G. Abbot of the Smithsonian Institution says that it seems more probable that life corresponding to life on the earth exists on Venus than on Mars. The conditions on Venus are similar to those on earth, while Mars probably differs in many ways.

## Eskimos of High Grade

A lawless race, with no religion or creed, yet instinctively the Eskimo observes the rule of doing as he would be done by, and we are obliged to respect him for his physical manhood, his uncomplaining endurance, his good humor, simple dignity, and for the honorable manner in which he treats his women, children and even dogs.—Michigan Public Health.

## MORGAN NEWS

Martin Banureufind has completed his cellar and is now moving in.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ritchie and family were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Ekleberry Sunday.

The famoss of Morgan are getting ready to seed.

Mrs. R. Harbison returned to her home, Friday, after spending a week visiting in the valley.

Mrs. Alfred Medlock and son returned home from Missouri on Sunday. She has been visiting in Missouri for some time.

Miss Generaline Funk, was surprised Saturday afternoon with a birthday party which was arranged by her mother. Refreshments were sandwiches, cake and jelly. Those present were Marion and Mancel Crebs, Helen Streeter, Clara Scott, Lee and Dimple Crautree, Laura Chandler, Carrie Medlock, Frances Jones and Margaret Jones.

## Ancient Writings

The Archko Volume is a compilation of archeological writings of the Sanchedin and Talmud of the Jews. These are official documents made in these courts in the days of Christ. The writings are taken from manuscripts in Constantinople and the records of the senatorial docket taken from the Vatican at Rome.

## Evaporated Milk Rich

Milk normally contains 87 per cent water and 13 per cent solids. In evaporated milk, however, the water content is much less, since in the process of evaporation 90 per cent of the water in the milk is removed. This makes evaporated milk more than twice as rich as bottled milk.

## Puzzle for Scientists

Scientists have never been able to ascertain why moths and millers are attracted by a light. This is doubly hard to understand because of the fact that these insects hide themselves away from the light during the daytime and seem to be attracted only by artificial light.

## Library Aid Blind

The British National Library for the Blind was founded in 1882 and has a yearly circulation of 170,000 volumes.

## By the Sophomores.

The lone High School class officers for the school year have been elected as follows:

Senior Class  
President— Dave Head.  
Sec. and Treas. Ruth Swanson.

Junior Class  
President— Gene Engleman.  
Sec. and Treas. Hazel Akers.  
Class Editor— Kathryn Feldman.

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President— Leona Ritchie.  
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Class Editor— Doris Gunzel.

Freshman Class  
President— Benlah Pettyjohn.  
Vice Pres.— Mildred Smith.  
Sec. and Treas.— Josie Rowell.  
Class Editor— Ralph Mason.

## Might Be Doubtful

Neighbor—"So you have twins at your house. Has your father names for them yet?" Tommy—"Yes, but I don't think any mother would christen them what you call 'em."—Boston Transcript.

## LEXINGTON NEWS

Mrs. R. B. Rioe is entertaining her friend, Mrs. Bird from Spokane, Wash. The lady chose a good time to come, when she arrived Monday, as the train is usual on time that day.

A jolly good time was had by all who attended the Freshie initiation, at the gym, last Friday evening. A few simple tricks were indulged in, and then all proceeded to play games and, later, refreshments were served.

The Rebeccas have purchased a piano for their lodge work and the instrument was duly installed last week.

Gray and Co. have been very busy this week putting in a new curtain for our Lexington Theater, and a number of our business men, realizing that it pays to advertise and that there is no better way than on the screen, have caused their special ad to be placed on the new curtain. When completed it will be quite modern and stylish.

Miss Vail, our primary teacher was ill the first of the week and was not able to be on duty Monday.

Guy Shaw has rented the Ernest Frederickson place in town and will conduct a chicken and dairy place there.

Mr and Mrs Duran, returned from salem where they visit a week with their daughter Mary. They report that Mary's little son has been quite sick with a cold.

Mr. and Mrs. Elva Rhul, Mr. and Mrs Art Hunt, and Mr. and Elmer Hunt returned from a pleasant visit with relatives in Portland and vicinity.

The football game that was scheduled for Saturday between Lexington and Boarman high school elevens has been postponed at the request of Boarman.

## Explaining Silence

Two women were endeavoring to engage in conversation a sweet little child dressed in a white starched frock. Not being successful in eliciting any response, one of the women said: "Oh, I guess the little girl doesn't want to talk today." Thereupon the child straightened up in a very superior manner and said in a loud voice, "I be's a boy!"

## The Silent Steed

Mrs. Tawkins—I begin to think that you love your auto more than you do me.  
Husband—Why, certainly; that goes without saying.

## Kash Pledges

He—Once more, I swear never to love anyone but you.  
She—Do you think you will be able to keep all these campaign promises?

## Hard Luck

Browne—I don't owe a cent of money.  
Greene—Too bad that you haven't better credit.

## The Bee's Whiskers!

Diner—What is this hair doing in the honey?  
Waiter—It's all right, sir. It's from the honeycomb you know.

## Just Boys

"Is your big sister engaged?"  
"Sure she is, always."

## Living Organism That Possesses No Shadow

At night a host of small creatures found safety in being divested of all pigment. In the course of evolution they had scraped off all the mercury from the back of their beings, becoming so transparent that the food which they swallowed was the most conspicuous and opaque part of their anatomy.

I could never quite escape from a decided Alice in Wonderland feeling when I looked into a dish of night plankton scooped from the surface. By keenest scrutiny I could perceive only the usual hosts of small fry, when, reaching down and lifting out what seemed only an area of clear water, there would materialize before my eyes a phyllosoma. This was a creature who cast no more shadow than the thinnest skin of clear ice. Yet it was a living animal, more than three inches long, with all the general organs which we ourselves possess—eyes, mouth, feet, stomach, nerves, muscles and a strong will to live. Phyllosoma, or "leaf person," was the only name I could give them, although glass crab would be more appropriate, for they were the young of some lobsterlike crustacean and nothing is known of the intermediate stages.—"The Arcturus Adventure," by William Beebe.

## "Dog Days"

What are the "Dog days?" Beginning on July 3 is the period supposed to be the hottest of the year, and which in ancient astronomy was associated with the rising of the Dog star.

Astronomy and religion being then closely connected, it was thought that the pestilences and drought of vegetation often occurring at the period in the heats of Italy could be warded off by propitiatory offerings to the god of the Star, and red dogs were, therefore, sometimes sacrificed.

From this old belief has survived our modern Dog days, though the term is often confused with the hot period during which dogs used to be supposed to be especially subject to madness.

## Language Purist Had Something to Learn

"It looks like rain."  
"Eh! What does?"  
"The weather."  
"The weather, my dear sir, is a condition. Rain is water in the act of falling from the clouds. It is impossible that they should look alike."  
"What I meant was that the sky looked like rain."  
"Equally impossible. The sky is the blue vault above us—the seeming arch or dome that we mistakenly call the heavens. It does not resemble falling water in the least."  
"Well, then, if you're so blamed particular, it looks as if it would rain."  
"As if would rain?"  
"The weather, of course."  
"The weather, as I said before being a condition, cannot rain."  
"The clouds then, hang you!"  
"Ah, here it comes. And I have wasted so much time in talking to you that I shall get wet to the skin before I can reach my street car."  
"I may not know so much about rain as you do, but I've got sense enough to prepare for it and you haven't," said the other as he raised his umbrella and walked off in a huff.  
—Boston Transcript.

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