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Official Paper for Morrow County.

ANOTHER TAX DODGE.

WHAT is the Property Tax Relief commission getting at?

From page 39 of their report to the state legislature now in session, we read: "Because of its inequity in taxing outside property, principally unproductive lands, for the benefit of city school systems, the Commission recommends repeal of the two-mill elementary school tax."

Is it inequity for real property, not included in a school district, to pay a share—at present it is a very small share—of the expense of the public schools? "Principally unproductive lands" is misleading, because there is a great deal of valuable property in the state not included in any school district; and "for the benefit of city school systems" is grossly false, since each district derives benefit from the tax.

If this state tax (which in reality is a county tax) were abolished and the burden passed back to the local school districts it would, of course, mean a rise in the special tax levies to make up the amount lost. This rise would be very marked especially in the case of the poorer districts which do not have a great amount of taxable valuation on which to levy.

To find out something as to what the increased millages would be in local districts throughout the several counties of the state, from which data were available, the Oregon State Teachers' Association Tax Commission selected three or four of the poorer districts in each county and computed the additional increase in number of mills tax necessary to be levied in each instance to make up the amount lost should the two-mill tax be repealed. In Morrow county the following tabulation is shown:

District 18 has an assessed valuation of \$98,132; it contributes to the two-mill tax fund \$154.95, and receives from the fund \$364.44. Special tax paid in 1927 was 4.2 mills. If the two-mill levy were repealed the district tax would need to be increased 3.7 mills, making the total special district tax 7.9 mills. Increases in districts 29 and 48, the other districts in this county, would be 3.3 and 4.94 mills respectively.

"As a general statement, our data shows there would be an increase ranging from two to 32 mills special tax in about one-half the rural districts of the state, should the present two-mill tax law be repealed," the O. S. T. A. commission declares. "There would, on the other hand, be a decrease of from zero to practically 1.9 mills in the other half of the districts of the state."

"The increase in all cases would fall upon the districts which have less than the average assessed valuation for their county back of each teacher employed; in other words the poorer districts."

"The decrease in present millage would be experienced by those local districts which have more than the average assessed valuation for their county back of each teacher employed; in other words, the richer districts."

The recommendation for repeal of the two-mill tax for school purposes is a dodge of the absentee land holder whose land lies outside of an organized school district, who would thus have to pay nothing for school purposes. It is in direct contradiction to the purposes of the

Dr. Frank Crane Says:

This newspaper will for some weeks continue to publish the work of the late Dr. Frank Crane. Dr. Crane recently passed away at Nice, France. Before leaving for Europe he had prepared a number of articles in advance.

THE ART OF PLEASING

Now that we are learning to do all sorts of things it might be well to devote a little attention to that most important art of all arts, the Art of Pleasing.

It is an Art and not a Science. A Science you may learn out of a book. An Art takes practice.

It is not a sin or moral something we are talking about, but just common sense and expediency. You want people to please you; then learn how to please them.

Permit, therefore, a few hunches for inquiring minds on this matter.

- 1. Beware of egotism. In some form or other, that is what we dislike about everybody. Do not praise yourself, nor dispraise yourself, nor, in fact, talk of yourself at all. Habitual dispraise is a common form of disagreeable egotism. 2. Do not be tragic. Have a sense of humor. Most things do not matter. Nine things out of ten that are threatening disappear when you laugh at them. It is very disheartening to live with one who is perpetually tragic. 3. Cultivate a pleasant voice. Do not talk too loud, nor mumble so one cannot hear you, nor slur your words. 4. Be neat. Clothe yourself as well as you can afford. Do not have dark fingernails, frayed cuffs, towelled hair, nor unclean shoes. Keeping clean is not egotism, it is a due regard for other people's feelings. Clean your teeth. Beware of halitosis. 5. Write plainly, one letter at a time with comfortable spaces between. 6. Do not be argumentative. Why argue? Most things do not matter. 7. Observe the little politenesses. Say, "I thank you" and "If you please." Get up when a lady enters the room. Take off your hat when you meet a woman. 8. When you are slandered or abused, say nothing, as a rule. People can respond to anything you say, but it's hard to answer silence.

framers of our state constitution who designed that the state should bear the largest share of the public school expense to the end that all children within its confines should have equal educational opportunity. Already many of the darkest pages of our state history are written around the squandering of lands and funds set aside for school purposes. Let us not again mar it by such an act as that recommended by the Property Tax Relief commission in the repeal of the two-mill tax. The legislature would do well to raise rather than lower or abolish this tax.

A DISTURBING ELEMENT.

WILLIAM H. TAFT, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court asked to point out the most disturbing element in our national life, said it was the materialistic philosophy which places wealth and worldly success ahead of every other consideration of life.

This materialistic philosophy holds in it the secret of the crime problem. Unless it can be controlled, it will darken the future. It is a menace to civilization.

Asks Justice Taft, "What can it profit a man to have accumulated millions if he has not at the same time maintained a clear conscience and acquired the good-will and esteem of his fellow citizens?"

The Chief Justice believes that the American people will find a way to solve the perplexing problems before them.

We share his optimism. After all, the disturbing element of materialism is present, but also there is strong literary and scientific trend among Americans. The recent extraordinary discoveries and inventions and artistic achievements give proof that we are not to be drowned in a sea of materialism.

True enough, the crime situation, growing out of this materialism, is acute. But the majority are not criminals. It is only the minority who see no need of maintaining a clear conscience and acquiring the good-will and esteem of their fellow citizens!

A NEW NATIONAL ANTHEM?

Freedom, we children all, Long heard your mother-call In lands afar, Host after host we came, Drawn by your glorious name, Lit by your torch aflame, A new world's star.

Thus starts the poem by Edgar Markham, famous author of "The Man With the Hoe," for which he will share in the \$1,000 prize offered by Mrs. Florence Brooks-Aten for a new national anthem.

The Markham poem is beautiful. But we wonder what is wrong with the anthem that we have, "The Star Spangled Banner" has many advantages.

It is bold, martial and defiant—it makes one feel proud of one's country. It is three-four time, so that it cannot be marched to; hence it will never be played for a parade, but always will be used in the most dignified way, to be heard while persons are in assemblage. It is hard to sing, therefore is generally played by a band, and so is usually competently rendered.

However, the Markham poem is certainly fine. Much as we like it, though, we'd hate to see "The Star Spangled Banner" lose its place as the national anthem.

THE more wheatgrowers who join the Eastern Oregon Wheat League the more it will be able to accomplish for the industry in this section. It is an organization for wheatgrowers exclusively, meaning that whatever it attempts to do, will be done by those most vitally affected—the growers—and will not be manipulated by opposing interests.

By having at least a majority membership of growers it will afford a medium through which the growers' side of any discussion may be forcibly presented; this would have been of invaluable assistance to the growers' cause in the recent hearing at Portland. It will have a great weight in gaining open river transportation. If you are a grower and not a member of the association, you should read carefully its by-laws printed in another column.



Wife of Home Run King Burned

Mrs. George Herman Ruth with her Home Run slugging husband and their daughter Dorothy. Mrs. Edward H. Kinder was burned to death in a mysterious fire at Watertown, Mass., and it has been established that "Mrs. Kinder" is Mrs. Babe Ruth. Mr. and Mrs. Ruth had been estranged for three years.

sum of this issue, and ascertain if you should not subscribe to its provisions at the low rate of \$1 a year.

More power to Mother Nature who so bountifully supplied a covering of the beautiful white snow, needed for the moisture it will deposit, and the protection it affords against an impending freeze. What does the pessimist have to offer?

Heppner may act as host to the championship contenders in the Upper Columbia basketball conference. The latch-string is out. Let us heap up the hearth-side with hospitality.

THE IDEAL MAN.

TWO hundred and twenty college girls in the East were asked some mighty important questions in a special questionnaire regarding the types of men they seek as husbands.

Of the two hundred and twenty, only twelve insisted on college graduates. Only two demanded good looks. One wanted an athlete. Fifty were opposed to drinkers. More than 100 stipulated honesty, sincerity, education and culture.

Wealth and fame were entirely ignored. But the one quality most in demand—guess—was a sense of humor.

Evidently the girls agree with the poet that "the man worth while is the man who can smile." If this questionnaire is indeed representative of the state of women's minds the country over, it behooves all young men to learn to laugh and laugh heartily.

Men who are not handsome, wealthy or famous may now console themselves. As long as they have a sense of humor, some girl will fall in love with them.

But what man does not think he has a sense of humor? All men seem to be eligible for affection, to judge them by their own opinions.

We are inclined to think that the girls practiced a little subtlety, as they often do. We can't believe they wanted to pass up wealth and fame—these things have always lured girls. But being feminine, they mention these things indirectly—asking that a man be possessed of a sense of humor in the conviction that wealth and fame come most easily to the men whose sense of humor is most keenly developed. Think of the men you know, and see if this belief does not carry some weight.

Poultry breeders find it inadvisable to use cockerels and hens from the same setting of eggs in the same pen. The temptation to do this arises when a grower wishes to increase the flock obtained when a setting of high priced eggs have been hatched. The possibilities are that the chicks raised from such a single setting are at least half brothers and half sisters, hence to mate the males with the pullets of the same setting would be virtually inbreeding, which is a dangerous practice unless carefully used, advises the Oregon experiment station.

Many Oregon home orchards contain trees of varieties not desired by the owner at this time. These may be top-worked to more desirable varieties by anyone willing to take a little time and care with the work. The ordinary cleft graft is suitable for apples, pears, prunes or plums.

This Week



By Arthur Brisbane

Cows and Men.

What Name for Hoover? The Duke Brothers. Farmers in Japan.

Moosejaw, Saskatchewan, gave a dinner to Ben H. Thomson in honor of his Holstein-Friesian cow, Canary Cordy. They both deserved. The Saskatchewan Government bought the cow for \$10,000.

Canary is world's champion in butter fat and gives enough milk in a day to last the average family a month. In 305 days, this wonder cow produced 1,080 pounds of butter and 26,396 pounds of milk.

Too bad there is no way of improving men's brains, as we improve cows' udders. Only time can do that, and time is slow. The average intelligence in the British House of Commons today, according to Lecky, is lower than the average of all the free men in Athens, 3,000 years ago. Science goes ahead.

Scalped!



Theresa Reed, 22, Humboldt, la, teacher on the San Carlos Indian Reservation, Arizona, was partly scalped and had her throat slashed by an Apache as she was returning home from the trading post. Recovering in a hospital at Globe, Ariz., Miss Reed will not return to San Carlos. The only theory advanced is that an Apache father objected to "white man's education."

Sunday School Lesson

International Sunday School Lesson for January 27 THE HOLY SPIRIT John 16:7-11; Romans 8:12-17, 26, 27. REV. SAMUEL D. PRICE, D. D.

This lesson study is the introduction to a Person. It is an amplification of the confession in our Apostles Creed, "I believe in the Holy Ghost." While multitudes make that creedal statement they do not have an intimate knowledge of this third Person in the Triune of God. The Holy Spirit is as distinct a Person as is God the Father and Christ the Son.

All Three are equally, externally existent. Revelation, however, of the personality and activity came in time. From the first Jehovah God was known as the Father. Far back in history there were evidences of the Second Person and there were repeated promises of the Advent of the Son, which were fulfilled in the coming of the Messiah. There are also many prophecies concerning the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament, one of the most distinctive being that in Joel 2:28-29, which was specifically fulfilled in the Day of Pentecost, after the Ascension of Jesus Christ. Jesus spoke clearly, though He did not explain the extent of the meaning when He told of the eagerness of the Father to bestow the Holy Spirit on His beloved. Much more than earthly parents delight in giving good things to their children does

man stays about where he was, a little less brutal, a little less selfish.

If Americans call President Coolidge "the silent President" what will they call Mr. Hoover? He has been elected President of the United States, will begin his work in less than two months, has been in Washington several days at work. How much has he talked? Not at all.

Eight years more of business without conversation will suit this country very well. We have had, at various times, considerable periods of conversation without business.

Sometimes farmers succeed, but usually they must leave the farm to do it.

Benjamin N. Duke, who died yesterday morning in his Fifth Avenue house in New York, began as a farmer, working with his brother, James Duke, on their father's farm. They grew tobacco, started a small factory, introduced cigarette making machinery, and made hundreds of millions. And, farmers note this, they bossed the middle man instead of being bossed by him. Ask Mr. Hill of the American Tobacco company or Mr. Belt of Lorillard's how that is done.

American farmers have their troubles, farmers in Japan have worse ones.

When our farmers complain Government at least MAKES PROMISES.

When thousands of Japanese peasants marched to express dissatisfaction, forty were shot dead and many wounded.

An intoxicated lady told the judge her trouble was due to an alcohol rub. She had swallowed nothing. Doctors said it was just possible, the judge excused her.

A gentleman, very drunk, led in by the policeman, told the judge, "My mistake was eating raisins while drinking ice cream soda." They let him go.

Prohibition develops new excuses.

Alleged Humorist—Can you imagine anything worse than a giraffe with a sore throat? Proven One—Sure! A centipede with corns.

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF SALE OF ANIMALS. Notice is hereby given, in accordance with the laws of the State of Oregon, that I have taken up the following described animals at my place 12 miles southeast of Heppner on Rhea creek, and that I will sell said animals at said place to the highest bidder for cash in hand at 10:30 o'clock a. m., Saturday, January 19, 1929, unless the same shall have been redeemed by the owner or owners thereof. Said animals are described as follows:

- One black mare, white spot in face, ringboned on both front feet, weight about 1300 lbs., blotch brand on left shoulder, and white on right.
- One bay mare, white stripe in face, no visible brands, weight about 1000 lbs.
- One black half mule, blotch brand on left shoulder, weight about 900 lbs.

JEROME O'CONNOR, Heppner, Ore. 42-44p

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of Sarah Elizabeth Swift, deceased, and that the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County has appointed Saturday, the 16th day of February, 1929, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, as the time, and the County Court room in the Court House at Heppner, Oregon, as the place of hearing and adjustment of said final account. Objections to said final account must be filed on or before said date.

JOHN CLYDE SWIFT, Administrator.

NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as administrator of the estate of Estalina Baurnfiend, deceased, and that the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County has appointed Saturday, the 6th day of February, 1929, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day as the time, and the County Court room in the Court House at Heppner, Oregon, as the place of hearing and adjustment of said final account. Objections to said final account must be filed on or before said date.

PETER MARTIN BAURNFIEND, Administrator.

NOTICE OF SALE OF ANIMALS Under Foreclosure of Agister's Lien. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, by virtue of a notice of lien, duly filed and recorded in the office of the County Clerk of Morrow County, State of Oregon, upon request of the lienholder, O. M. Scott, will, on Saturday, the 2nd day of February, 1929, at the ranch of O. M. Scott, 7 miles north-west of the City of Heppner, Oregon, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash in hand, the following described personal property, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said lien, the costs of keeping said property, and the costs of making said sale, said lien being for the sum of \$25.00, to-wit:

One brown gelding, star in forehead, branded MC on right shoulder, weight about 1150 pounds, and one sorrel mare, striped on nose, 10 or 12 lbs. brand, branded J on left side, weight about 1150 pounds, left hind ankle crippled.

The owner or reputed owner of said property is Roscoe Moore. C. J. D. BAUMAN, Sheriff of Morrow County, Oregon.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executors of the estate of Thomas McCullough, deceased, have filed their final account of the administration of said estate with the County Court of the State of Oregon for Morrow County, and the said Court has fixed Monday, the 4th day of February, 1929, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day in the County Court Room in the Court House, at Heppner, Oregon, as the time and place for hearing objections thereto, and all persons having objections are hereby required to file the same with said Court on or before the time fixed for said hearing.

Dated this 27th day of December, 1928. JOHN MCCULLOUGH, DAVID MCCULLOUGH, Executors.

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