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There Is a Simple Answer

Next Monday Oregon's legislature will meet in its first special session in many years in an attempt to try to figure out what to do with quite a few million dollars surplus that has piled up in the state's treasury. The problem should and could have a very simple answer and solution, but we don't suppose it will have—the history of legislatures is not to do anything simple that can be done the hard way.

Maybe that statement is a little unfair to our selected representatives, for there are many, many pressure groups ready and waiting to take up arms to fight for their favorite cause which complicates any job the legislature has to do, nevertheless, it holds pretty true.

Oregon's dilemma is almost unique in the history of our state, or most other states for that matter. We have collected too many taxes with the result that we have too much money laying around in the treasury. That's quite a switch.

There have been many suggestions made as to what to do with the extra money . . . money that shouldn't have been collected from the taxpayers in the first place. The schools got in line

first asking that a sizeable amount of the surplus be given to them, presumably to act as a property tax offset. Other groups have suggested we build roads with the money, retire the state debt, and numerous other things.

We think there is but one simple and logical answer to the whole thing—an answer the legislature could find in very few days if it will. It is:

First: The surplus money came wholly or largely from personal income tax rates which were raised too much because of some improper figures or some poor guesses.

Second: That money logically should be returned to the persons paying it in the first place.

How can this be done? Simply by eliminating all or part of the unnecessary 51% surtax imposed on Oregon taxpayers at the last session of the legislature and making the reduced rate effective on the present year's income, the tax on which is due next spring. The recently imposed higher withholding schedule on salaries would have to be revised downward—a relatively simple matter.

The extra money came from the income tax payer. We don't think it's too much to ask the legislature to see to it that it comes back to him in kind.

ANGELS IN DISGUISE



The second Saddle Horse club led by Oscar George and Marce Jones with Joan Moe as junior leader have as officers, Bobby Fetsch, president; vice president, Joan Moe, secretary, Marlene Griffin; and news reporter, Marlene Fetsch. 4-H clubs are organized or to be organized soon in all Morrow county communities. If you have no 4-H club in your community we would be glad to help organize one there if interest is shown.

Order blanks have just been received in this office for the fall and spring shipping season for forest trees from the Oregon State Board of Forestry. Orders can now be filled for tree seedlings to be used in windbreaks, shelterbelts and conservation reserve plantings. Last year we were not able to get trees due to a shortage of nursery stock. Seedlings are more plentiful this year, however there no doubt will be a shortage and orders will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Conifers for Eastern Oregon planting available are Douglas fir, grand fir, white fir, Ponderosa pine, Austrian pine and Chinese Arborvitae. Broad leaved seedlings available are black locust, caranga, Russian mulberry, Russian olive and Chinese elm.

The October cattle report just released is the big livestock news of the week and gives new cause for confidence in the cattle market during the next several months. The optimistic note for those feeding cattle stems from the new evidence that the nation's feedlots hold fewer cattle and calves at this time than at any October for several years. Report shows the number on feed in the nation's 13 principal cattle feeding states is 11% smaller than last year. The reduction is the greatest in four western states of California, Arizona, Texas and Colorado, where the total is 15% smaller than a year ago. The cut in the main cornbelt is 9%. Feedlot operators intend to market few-

Services Held Friday For Boardman Woman

Funeral services were held Friday at Burns Mortuary in Hermiston for Mrs. Clara Lovette, 56, whose body was found Oct. 15 in the Columbia river near the mouth of the Deschutes. She had disappeared from her home a week before. She was found by a member of the crew on an Inland Navigation company boat. Identification was later made by her husband, Jess Lovette.

Pallbearers were Seth Russell, Clarence Nelson, Norman Nelson, Emile Ash, Ed Skoubo and Jack McEntire. Others attending the funeral from here included Mrs. Seth Russell, Mrs. Clarence Nelson, Mrs. Emile Ash, Mrs. Ed Skoubo, John McEntire and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Cassidy.

Mrs. Lovette was born Nov. 21, 1901 in Waterville, Mo. She and her husband have been long-time residents of the Boardman area.

out the nation—Lepto-spirosis. While many livestock men that I have visited with during the last two years show little concern about this disease, many of these have had losses and our prediction is that there will be more. The disease evidently is occurring in all communities throughout the county. While there are evidently things to learn about the disease, vaccination will protect the herd at least temporarily. For those who might like to keep themselves informed on this disease I would suggest as one source of information, an article on Lepto-spirosis which appeared in the October issue of

the Farm Journal. Some interesting information was found recently when one of the state universities checked 50 samples of hay and grass silage. While this is a little late for doing anything about it in putting upfeed this year it is nevertheless information which might be used as a basis for figuring feed values for the winter ration and planning a better job of harvesting and storage methods for another year. It was found that the protein contents of hay samples varied from 5.6 to 21.9%; the fiber, 23.3 to 39.3%; and TDN, 42.5 to 62.9%. Silage samples varied in protein from 7.5 to 22.7%; fiber, 18.2 to 40.6% and TDN, 39.9 to 68.9%. As anyone can see these wide variations point out the need for more exacting harvesting and storage methods and that every feed operation is a separate problem. Every livestock operator is reminded of the beef commission hearing to be held at the court house in Pendleton beginning at 1:30 p.m., October 31. This hearing will determine interest for or against holding a referendum for a beef commission.

With the excellent wheat crop in Morrow county this year with high test weights and some of the finest wheat ever grown, farmers might be interested in entering in the Chicago International grain and hay show which will be held November 30 to December 7. Entries must be made by November 10, however. Entry cards and the premium list are available at this office in case anyone is interested.

TO THE EDITOR . . .

HOTEL'S GILDED STEER GETS NEW HOME

Heppner Gazette Times: Dear Mr. Penland: Inclosed is a copy of a letter I received about the old "Gilded Steer" that stood for so many years in the tower on front of the old Perkins Hotel of Portland. I have received many letters about this old landmark.

I know there are still a few "old-timers" still living, and I also know they will be glad to know of the final resting place of the famous "steer".

Will you please notify me shortly before my subscription for the G.T. runs out. My father told me that he had taken the "Gazette" from the very first issue, and I started in right where he left off, so I do not want to miss a single issue. Together my father and I have taken the paper for 74 years.

Sincerely Yours,
O. M. Yeager,
Castle Rock, Wash.

O. M. Yeager
Box 476,
Castle Rock, Wash.

Dear Mr. Yeager: We recently read your fine letter to the Oregonian, regarding the "Gilded Steer", which has been atop the Perkins Hotel. We were glad to get some additional information regarding the steer from your letter.

As you know the hotel part of the building has been condemned and is no longer in use. It does not seem desirable to leave him atop this condemned building, where in case of fire he would certainly be burned and lost.

It was, therefore, decided to lend him to Lipman Wolfe's for display in their men's department, for a five year period. He has been reconditioned and is where he will be protected and preserved for the future.

Your idea of sending him to Eastern Oregon has possibilities, but we would not be sure fit would be properly cared for and few people would see him over there. It is our plan to either use

From The County Agent's Office

By N. C. Anderson

All boys and girls between the ages of 9 and 21 and who are interested in 4-H club work are urged to contact this office or a local leader in their community if one is known. This is the time of year when clubs are being organized and new members added to the enrollments. A number of clubs have recently been enrolled, in fact on Monday of last week, I received several new club enrollments. First one in on Monday morning was the enrollment sheet from the Lexington Livestock club which appears to continue to be the largest club in Morrow county unless some take on an active enrollment program. In this club 17 members will car-

ry 25 different projects. Three new members were added this year. Stephen Peck, Kirk Mathews and Maureen Doherty. Leaders for the club are Kenneth Palmer and Bernard Doherty with officers being: president, Karl Beach; vice president, Tommy Martin; secretary, Dennis Doherty and news reporter, Roger Doherty. Members in the club will carry beef, sheep, swine and dairy. All enrollment cards are in for this club and program of work is about complete. The Butter Creek Junction 4-H club led this year by Carl Rhea with Sandra Rhea as junior leader has recently started their new club with Billy Doherty as president; David Proudfoot, vice president, Sandra Rhea, secretary, Karla Luciana, song leader and Richard Willis as news reporter. New members in this club are Karla Luciana, Richard Willard and Allyn Witherriton.

THIRTY YEARS AGO

From the Files of The Gazette Times
October 27, 1927

At Lexington on Thursday last there was a gathering of the "old homesteaders" and a large number of other residents of this county who had been invited to join in a good social time prepared for them by the good people of that little city.

The seventh grade of the Heppner school held their first class meeting Friday, October 21. The following officers were elected: president, June Anderson; vice president, Jimmy Furlong; secretary, Phyllis Jones; treasurer, Gladys Cason.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bleakman returned from Portland Monday, where they spent the last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Scrivner and sons were in the city on Saturday from their home in Democrat gulch.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Beymer, accompanied by Mrs. L. E. Bisbee and Mrs. Kathryn Farnsworth, drove to Portland, yesterday.

John Barrymore and Dolores Costello in "When A Man Loves" showing at the Star Theater Sunday and Monday.

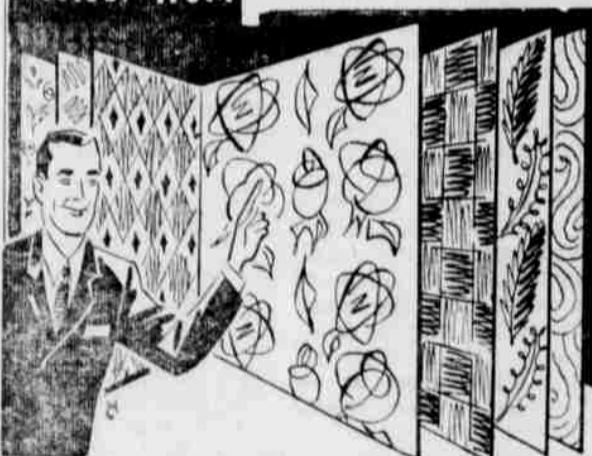
him in our new building or present him to the Oregon Historical Society. We have a letter from the Society stating that they would like to have him to place in their new building with the other items showing the history of Oregon.

We hope you will agree that our plans will give him a good place where many people will get to see him in years to come. Sincerely yours,

(Signed)
Gay E. Jacques, president,
Portland Federal Savings.

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