

# TAX REDUCTION PROBLEM TOPIC AT ROTARY CLUB

The problems of tax reduction with particular reference to the recent meeting of the western states taxpayers conference at Portland, formed the business of the Medford Rotary club at its regular weekly meeting at the Hotel Medford yesterday.

Paul McKee, general manager of the California Oregon Power company and retiring president of the Taxpayers league, was the principal speaker and gave a very interesting resume of the recent conference over which he presided. He was preceded by E. J. Harder, president of the First National bank, State Representative John Carlin and W. H. Crawford, of the California Oregon Power company who attended the Portland meeting and gave their impressions of its significance in two minute talks. Dr. R. R. Johnson of the Rotary club presided and introduced the speakers.

Mr. McKee's speech was in part as follows:

A few years ago it became evident to a group of men in Utah that there was a very definite sentiment in their state in favor of economy in government. These people realized that this sentiment would be of little value without an organization through which to bring it home to the people in control of the expenditure of public funds. Accordingly, the Utah State Taxpayers association was organized. About the same time, taxpayers in other states created similar organizations for the same purpose. Naturally the leaders in these organizations were gradually brought together because of their common purpose and it became evident to them that the tax problems in the twelve western states required the same kind of treatment. They decided that it would be a fine plan to arrange an annual meeting at which these gentlemen might sit about the conference table and discuss their common problems. Accordingly, the first conference was held at Salt Lake City three years ago. This served as the beginning of what is now known as the Western States Taxpayers conference. The meeting served to bring together the men of the state and to decide of promise and benefit and it was decided by these gentlemen that a second conference should be held, and San Francisco was selected as the meeting place. The third conference, with which you are familiar, was held in Portland a few days ago. The next and fourth conference is to be held in Los Angeles.

Just a word regarding the organization of the state groups. It seemed obvious to the people who were the leaders in the organization of the original state tax payers groups that the first requirement should be that the association should be representative of all groups of tax payers, that it should include representatives from each and every business and industry in the state and that it should not be dominated by any one of these groups, whether agriculture, mining, banking, utility or what not. It was also decided that this representation should be carried down into county and local subdivisions and that while there should be a central state headquarters which would serve as the common place of meeting for the local organization, that headquarters should serve the will of the general representation and should not be in itself the dominating factor. In Utah there are twelve industries represented in the organization and in accordance with the plan just outlined, this representation is state wide in its character.

**Purposes and Aims of the Conference**

There seemed to me to be three general purposes which the conference must fulfill. First—Furnish a common meeting ground where tax problems vital to the western states may be discussed in an earnest and comprehensive manner; Second—Encourage the organization of tax payers associations in the states where such organizations do not now exist; Third—To bring about a general sentiment for economy, thrift and efficiency in government, especially the government of our twelve western states. The last purpose, of course, represents an end or less intangible, but which can only be accomplished through definite organization.

The conference recognizes that taxes are inevitable and must be paid. The great effort is to bring about a realization on the part of public officers that they will be supported when they do spend the funds allotted to them intelligently, and to bring home to them the fact that there is a general sentiment in favor of proper and economic spending of public funds.

It has been found by the men engaged in this work in the past that the right sort of public officials will welcome the assistance of the tax associations. For one, have a great deal of sympathy for the men who find himself in public office and who is pulled and hauled by political subdivisions of our country to spend money here or there regardless of the merits of their case. How different the public man's situation is when compared to the situation of the manager of the private corporation whose directors and stockholders instruct him to spend their money in the way to produce best results regardless of other than strictly business influences. Suppose we, in our company, are told to build a power house. We are not instructed to build that power house in any given locality but are told to build it in the place where it will do the company the most good, and if we decided that the power houses should be on the Rogue river in Jackson county, we do not find ourselves obligated to say to the people in Siskiyou county that the next time we have some money to spend and a power house to build we will build it in Siskiyou county simply because the last one was built in Jackson county, nor are we placed in a position where we are required to listen to the protests of the people in Siskiyou county in the event that we decide to spend this money in Jackson county. How necessary it is for those of us who are interested in the general principle of proper efficiency

and economy in governmental matters to see to it that the public officials who are trying to do the right thing will have the degree of support to which he is entitled and that he will not be left to the mercy of the treasury later who wants funds spent on his particular pet hobby regardless of the merit of that particular enterprise.

To be successful a conference must not be allowed to grid any one's personal ax. It must be non-political and non-militant, it must be the common meeting ground to the tax payers, large and small, regardless of their political belief or their religious faith.

I think you will be interested in the following extract from Emerson's Essay on "American Civilization" which was delivered on January 31, 1862:

"So impostors are the cheap and right taxation; but, by the dislike of people to pay out a direct tax, governments are forced to render life twice as costly by making them pay twice as much, hidden in the price of tea and sugar."

I quote this passage from Emerson in order to illustrate and indicate that the matter of taxation has been in the minds of our people for many years. It has been the subject of attention on the part of some of our greatest literary geniuses and of our greatest statesmen but up to this time our American genius for organization has not been applied to the solution of the problem. Now we have reached the time where people are beginning to realize that if the sentiment which exists in all sections of the country in favor of the proper expenditure of public funds and thrift and efficiency in government is to be brought home to the office holder and the tax payer, built up on unselfish and public spirited principles must be developed for that purpose."

In closing Mr. McKee emphasized the fact that this tax reduction movement is absolutely non-political, men of all parties are welcomed, the sole purpose being reduction of taxes through increase in public economy and efficiency.

## ASKS ARTHUR L. HILL BE NAMED MINE RECEIVER

A motion asking that Arthur L. Hill of this city be appointed receiver of the Millionaire mine in the Third Hill district was filed in the circuit court Tuesday.

The action is taken by S. E. Heberling, secretary of the mining company against the Millionaire Mining company, Charles M. Knight and Luck Knight of Denver, Colorado and Robert and Ima Lightbody, superintendent and bookkeeper of the workings.

Heberling sets forth that he is seeking an accounting to prevent the mine from becoming flooded and deteriorating, and the "assets being exhausted."

Grounds upon which the suit is based allege that Knight sold 55,749 shares for \$16,389, a sum less than par, and which the directors would not have sanctioned, that no complete report of the financial status of the mine has been made for two years or more, that Knight has certificates for 539,370 shares, which he threatens to sell, and that he has threatened to enjoin the directors from carrying out a lease of the property, made last June to Lively and Olson, by the directors, and that eviction action has been threatened against the lessees.

It is further set forth that \$2000 in taxes are due Jackson county.




**Theatre**

The best vaudeville bill of the year was presented at the Craterian last night, in five well-balanced and entertaining acts. The audience liked best the musical team of Pierce and Roslyn, who played "Sally" on a toy balloon, and "When We Were Young Maggie," on a hind tire. The dancing and skating offerings of Mile, Nina, and Frank Bacon and Sophie Fontaine, the closing act also met with high favor from the crowd. The remainder of the bill composed on Joe Cody and Brother, hat jugglers, Maybelle Phillips, imitator of childish prattle and Barton and Morey, a comedy team, above the average.

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## DIVORCE TOTAL REACHES FIFTY FOR 8 MONTHS

With the filing of two divorce suits in the circuit court Tuesday, the total for the year in Jackson county reached the fifty mark. In August, 19 divorce suits were filed, and in July 11 were filed.

Lottie Wood asks freedom from Walter Wood, after more than 20 years of married life, charging cruel and inhuman treatment, specifically set forth in the following allegations:

The making of false accusations, becoming intoxicated, and threatening bodily harm; an asserted attempt to wreck the auto in which they were riding from Eagle Point to Rogue River, causing the plaintiff to get upon the running board, resulting in a painful injury to the hip; that while en route to this city last July, the defendant stopped his car, near the city of Medford, took a drink of intoxicating liquor, and beat and threatened plaintiff; that the plaintiff left home and came to this city, and worked as a domestic, under the name of "Mrs. G. Jones," and that the defendant threatened to kill her unless she returned home.

Besides a decree of divorce, maintenance and suit money, a share in the real and personal property, and an order restraining the defendant from inflicting bodily harm is sought.

The complaint sets forth that the Wood's were married at Jacksonville, June 15, 1904 and have one son, aged 20 years, and that the defendant is the owner of a 120 acre farm in the Eagle Point district, fairly well equipped, as to stock and machinery.

Eva L. Jones asks for a divorce from Raymond G. Jones. They were married August 21, 1921. Cruel and inhuman treatment is alleged, specifically as being "mean, surly and morose, not speaking for days, except in profanity, that while the couple were living at the Douglas county fish hatchery, the plaintiff was left without provisions, and was forced to call upon her family for sustenance. flies into a rage, upon one occasion blackening her eyes, and in February, 1924, she returned to her home. The custody of two children, a one-third interest in property, including a quarter section of land in Douglas county, \$40 per month for the care of the children and \$10 per month permanent alimony.

## LOS ANGELES MAN VERY ENTHUSIASTIC OVER LOCAL FISHING

Earl McDonald, wife and two sons, Donald and Dick, who have been visiting Harry E. Leland, owner of the Illinee orchard, left Medford yesterday for their home in Los Angeles. Mr. McDonald spent four days here with Mr. Leland, with whom he tried to entice the steelhead trout with some Scotch files.

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the fish seemed to understand the language the local flies spoke. After three days' fishing had passed, they returned with a very nice string.

Mr. McDonald landed a 12 and 10 pounder and he says that they can beat any Russian ballet dancer dancing on their toes and any of Uncle Sam's airplanes making a nose dive. He adds that while he has fished in all of the principal streams in the U. S. A., west of the Rocky mountains, he never knew what real fishing meant until he tied into a Rogue River steelhead.

Next year he will spend his entire vacation near Medford, over which he is very enthusiastic.

### FREE MELON FEED WILLOW SPRINGS

On Thursday evening of this week, at the Willow Springs Service station, operated by Bonney Brothers, on the Pacific highway, one-half mile north of Seven Oaks station, a watermelon feed will be held. This is a free treat for every man, woman and child in

Jackson county. The feast has been arranged by George Obenchain, Bonner Brothers and Bonney Brothers. There will be parking place for all cars. The feed will begin at 7 o'clock and continue until everyone is satisfied. A cordial invitation is extended to all residents of the county.

**Champion Beauty Quits.**

ATLANTIC CITY.—There will be a new Miss America, Miss Ruth A. Malcomson of Philadelphia is not going to defend her crown at the annual beauty pageant, "because of commercialism of the form."


Cook with gas.

**It's Now the Ladies' Turn.**

DEAUVILLE—Canon Coube, urging the new French loan has told his congregation that the peasant went down into his woolen stocking during the war and "ladies, it is now your turn to go down into your pretty and transparent silk stockings."

**See End of Tong War.**

NEW YORK, Sept. 1.—(A. P.)—Permanent peace between the Hop Sing and the On Leong tong, who recently revived their deadly warfare, was promised today by leaders of the opposing tongs in conference with District Attorney Banton.



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