

Ferry Twins Persuade Editor to Change Mind In Regard to Sales Tax

We've just put in our order for some sort of doodle bug that can be suspended above our typewriter—one that will kick up an awful fuss when we dip editorially into the realms of the great unknown. Sales tax to you.

After cogitating for a few hours over a communication received concerning our editorial expressions on the sales tax last week we decided that, in the interests of sane voting and good judgment (which we really DO favor) it might be wise to reconsider things. Or in other words, think of some points that hadn't entered our mind before. Aw, we mean we just didn't know enough about our subject, so there.

The communication referred to is printed in the adjoining column. It was written by the FAMOUS "FERRY TWINS"—the ones who won the state debate honors this spring. After reading their work, it is easy to understand just why the Medford high school graduates are champion debaters. The next time we pounce upon a topic for vilification we're going to make certain it hasn't been the debate team's subject for the past year.

When we entered the newspaper business a year and a half ago we provided ourselves with a shock pad to fall back on in just such situations as this. We announced at the outset that we were inexperienced, would make mistakes, but that we would always appreciate constructive criticism from readers. We feel it is the finest sort of help and cooperation for readers to go to the trouble of putting us to rights when we err.

Now to forget our red face and get back to the sales tax. The rebuttal printed alongside this column just about covered the ground. We have learned since that Governor Meier, himself owner of the largest retail store in the state, is sponsoring the sales tax because he is convinced it is necessary to maintain solvency. Meier, in his private life, probably would suffer more than anyone else—that is, if the sales tax will make anyone suffer—yet he is public spirited enough to fight for the enactment of a sales tax. We guess we can pay that 37 cents it might cost us should the sales tax go over, so this week we've given the Perry article a top head, for there is a little of more real importance to Oregonians at this time.

Perhaps our experience with the sales tax will be shared by others. We remember several times when we first saw some stranger we thought to ourselves, "I don't like that guy." Once or twice we even did battle with "that guy" before we found out what he really was like when one got to knowing him. Some of our best friends now are persons whom we disliked on first acquaintance.

As we explained last week, the mere word "tax" is prejudicial in itself, but as the Perry twins so clearly point out, so is the word "dentist." And, as we have spent much time in dental chairs ourselves, that argument struck us full in the blonpids. We remember clearly that we never went to the dentist's torture chambers with glee or much willingness, yet we can't look back on a single visit there that failed to benefit us.

MARION CO. MAY BUY JOSEPHINE CANNERY

SALEM, July 7.—(AP)—The Marion county court was today considering purchase of the portable cannery plant which was successfully operated in Josephine county last summer, preserving food for needy families.

Dripping radiators repaired. Brill Metal Works.
Broken windows glazed by Trowbridge Cabinet Works.

SALES TAX LAST STATE HOPE FOR SOLVENCY, CLAIM

To the Editor:

The Miner has established a reputation for fairness and keen judgment. Its views are always presented forcefully, so any stand taken is likely to be accepted by a large number of persons. However, the Miner's statements against the sales tax should not be excepted without a more profound consideration of the question. Therefore we wish to analyze your arguments from a different point of view.

You introduced your arguments against the sales tax with the statement that you "see little promise for the proposal for the simple reason that part of its title contains the word tax." That statement sums up the only arguments against the levy.

Citizens who oppose the tax do so just as a small boy opposes going to the dentist. They think of it as something painful and ignore the fact that it is essential to their well being. However, in Mississippi where the tax has been in use, Gov. Conner says: "The sales tax comes as near being a popular levy as any I have seen so far. Farmers have gathered in mass meetings asking that it be increased."

You state that "it is much easier to boost taxes and add new ones than it is to lower them," and that the sales tax will simply be added to the present burden. According to the "Oregon Voter" for June 24, "the sales tax is NOT an additional tax. It is NOT designed to raise more money to spend. Its sole purpose is to relieve the tax on property. Of the tax raised, all but \$280,000, which will be used for unemployment relief, is to be used to replace property taxes."

C. C. Chapman, editor of the "Oregon Voter," says: "The general sales tax, if sanctioned by the people, will reduce farm property taxes, 10 per cent; urban homes five per cent; corporation and utility property six per cent; or a flat seven per cent reduction on all property in the state. The sales tax will reduce the millage rate in Medford by two mills." The reduction of total taxes by the sales tax is not a mere theory. In South Carolina the sales tax reduced the levy on property from 14 mills to five mills. We quote the South Dakota tax commission: "The sales tax is entirely satisfactory in that it tends to shift the burden of taxation from tangible property." In asking for an increase in this levy farmers in Mississippi showed that their experience had been a reduction of property taxes through the sales tax.

The next point that you make is that when one gets a raise in wages it is easy to spend the difference and that similarly the state will spend the additional revenue raised by the sales tax. However, the sales tax is NOT giving the state additional revenue. According to the "Oregon Voter," "the state will have the same amount of money whether the sales tax is passed or defeated. If it is defeated the three-mill levy will still apply on property." Thus if the sales tax passes the burden of revenue will be distributed over everyone. If the levy falls the overburdened property owners alone will have to make up the difference.

You say that if we do not want Uncle Sam to tax our food and clothes that "we'd better watch our ballots." This is a fine time to start watching ballots. The time to watch them is not when we are paying the bill for what we ordered, but when we are voting for expensive public improvements.

Your comparison of the causes of the Boston Tea Party to the sentiment against the sales tax is incongruous. In the case of the Boston Tea Party the king of England ordered a big meal and tried to make the Colonists pay for it. In the case of the sales tax, we ordered the meal ourselves and now we are trying to walk out without paying the bill. The only way to avoid paying taxes is to ask less of the government.

But even admitting all the arguments you used against the sales tax, the fact remains that the levy is imperative. According to the "Oregon Voter," state expenses have been cut to the bone. The budget has been reduced 45 per cent and salaries of state employees cut from 5 to 80 per cent. Yet on account of the shrinkage of income and intangible taxes the three-mill levy on property is imperative unless the sales tax is passed. Obviously, all the evils of sales taxation are less as evils than those which will follow in the wake of government insolvency from overuse of the property tax. There is no alternative. The sales tax offers the only solution for the state's financial problems.

In closing, we quote from the "Oregon Voter": "Who will campaign for the sales tax? The patriotic people who realize the necessity of keeping the government solvent for the sake of maintaining public order, education and the various functions of government." Respectfully,

ELIZABETH FERRY
FRANCIS FERRY
Rogue River, June 26.

Valley View

VALLEY VIEW, July 7.—(Spl.)—Last Monday Mrs. Tom Glenn was a guest at a luncheon of Mrs. H. J. Carter in Ashland, held in honor of relatives visiting here from California.

Prof. and Mrs. Arthur Sawyer of Myrtle Point are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son born Tuesday, June 20. Mrs. Sawyer will be remembered as Rosina Gallatin. Mrs. Childers of Salem, mother of Sam Childers, arrived Monday to visit at the Childers home.

Mrs. Ray Ward of Fern Valley was a Valley View caller Wednesday. H. Treichler of New Gulf, Texas, who visited relatives in the valley, called at the W. A. Stratton home Wednesday.

Thursday, the Valley View Community club held its annual picnic with a covered dish luncheon in the Ashland park with a good attendance. Mrs. Glasgow, re-elected president, appointed committees: Program, Mrs. Chas. Koyl, Mrs. Stella Morse; garden and flower, Mrs. A. H. Davenport and Mrs. Jas. Lennox; refreshment, Mrs. J. Leslie, Mrs. B. Parsons and Mrs. W. A. Stratton.

Mrs. Geo. Bishop of Ashland visited at the Stratton home Friday. Miss Jannita Ross was a Valley View caller Friday.

Mrs. R. F. Krueggel and children

Lois and Roland, of Klamath Falls, visited at the Stratton home recently.

Mrs. Ernest Howell and little daughter of Malin are visiting at the Fred Garle home this week.

Tuesday evening, a surprise birthday party was held for Mrs. L. O. Fenland. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. F. Burk of Medford, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Gardner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morse, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stratton, Mrs. M. Maw and Mrs. Bertha Glasgow. After an evening of bridge, refreshments were served. Mrs. Fenland received a number of bouquets and a nice gift.

Mrs. Wm. Glenn and Mrs. M. S. Nichols attended the covered dish luncheon held by the Alpha club Tuesday in the dining room at the Masonic hall.

Mrs. E. C. Gardner and Mrs. L. O. Fenland attended a bridge luncheon at Mrs. E. Thorndyke's in Medford Wednesday.

Mrs. Ella Rownd and Miss Lurana Rownd of Pasadena are guests at the Stratton home this week. Mrs. Rownd is an aunt of Mrs. Wm. Glenn.

Copper

COPPER, July 7.—(Spl.)—A good time was had by all Applegate folks and C. C. G. boys at the bill all-day celebration at Camp Applegate the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Caton are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Rouse. They plan to stay some time.

Miss Jeanette McKee is visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Amos McKee.

With the coming of nice weather,

local young folks are enjoying many parties. One planned by Miss Jeanette McKee and William Dorn for a few of their friends next Saturday. Miss Leah McKee entertained a few young folks with a party last Saturday evening.

William Dorn spent Friday and Saturday in Medford on business. He attended a party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hoover Friday night.

Jay Mercer, Applegate's star baseball pitcher, accidentally cut his hand with an axe recently and will be unable to play for a while.

Mrs. Fred Copple spent Tuesday night with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dorn. Mr. and Mrs. Watson and son Bernard and Miss Florence McKee, who have been visiting John Byrne, are returning home to San Jose Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rippey and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Copple were in town shopping Saturday.

A baby girl was born to Mrs. Jim Wingham Sunday morning. She has been named Dorothy Jean. Valera Wingham, Mr. and Mrs. True Lewis and Mrs. Newton Lewis were in town Monday.

Willow Springs

WILLOW SPRINGS, July 7.—(Spl.)—M. F. Young family attended a family reunion at Roseburg, July 2. Relatives came from various points, including Salem, Cottage Grove and Wenatchee, Wash., to picnic together. They plan to make the reunion an annual affair.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Benson and daughter, Frances, were Fourth of July guests at the Sam Anderson home. Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Grisham and

son of Central Point, were dinner guests of the Roy Nichols July 4. Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Eiden and guests, Miss Selma Epling of Elburn, Ill., and Mrs. Edith Robinson and son, Morris, of Pico, Calif., motored to Crater lake Sunday. Mrs. Robinson and son left Wednesday for their home, via Crescent City. They plan to spend several days in San Francisco.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Field, their daughter, and house guest, Mrs. Euser, spent several days this week at Crescent City. A. H. Clements family picniced with friends on Rogue River July 4. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Heft spent the week at Crescent City.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson, and four children of Portland, arrived Sunday to spend two weeks with Mr. Anderson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Anderson.

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