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NO REAL ESTATE TAX

"If the proposed \$6,000,000 road bond act is adopted by the people at the special election to be held on June 4, what will be the increased tax on each \$1,000 worth of real estate?" This and numerous other similar questions have been asked the Glacier during the past several days.

If the \$6,000,000 road bonding act is carried, the taxes of Oregon citizens on real estate and personal property will not be increased one cent. This phase of the bill ought to commend it to Oregon property owners. The funds for payment of interest and for refunding of the principal of the proposed \$6,000,000 bonds will be accumulated solely from the state license to be charged owners of automobiles and other motor vehicles.

Whether the \$6,000,000 road bonding act is adopted or not, the increased licenses will be applied to motor vehicles, a law incorporating such provisions having already been passed by the legislature. Will it not be far better to sell these proposed bonds and begin our road work by a common sense system than to dribble it out in small sums from year to year and in the end accomplish nothing? It is argued that the motor license law may be rescinded by some future legislature. But if the \$6,000,000 bonding act is passed, such action cannot be brought about by the legislature. The motor license act is made a part of the bonding act, and the purchasers of the bonds to be sold under the act have a guaranty that money for the payment of those bonds will be raised by the application of the motor law license.

VACANT LOT GARDENS

That old bogey man that has been camping on the heels of father for the past year—High Cost of Living—is going to be put to rout by heads of Hood River households this spring and summer. Scores of vacant lots are now being relieved of the marring brown patches of the remains of last summer's vegetation. Instead of such noxious weeds as burdock and Canadian thistles, these vacant lots this year will present an array of orderly rows of spinach, onions, potatoes, beans, peas and carrots.

When father has just begun clearing up that garden plot don't, if you are a member of the family, offer too many suggestions, or don't discuss his efforts in a spirit of too great a levity. Father is going to have some painful callouses coming in his hands. The unusual labor with grubbing hoe and garden fork is going to make the muscles of his arms and shoulders pretty sore. Don't josh father until he gets used to his new work. By mid-summer the head of the family that sticks to the new work will have become accustomed to his daily shift at the business end of a hoe. When those peapods begin to fill out and his potatoes are ready to be "grabbed," then father will be mighty happy, and in fact all the family is going to be mightily contented with those healthful, succulent, fresh vegetables.

NO TIME FOR RASH WORDS

The incident of a threatened boycott on local business men of German name and ancestry is an example of what rash or unguarded expressions may bring about when feeling is at the high tension that has been brought about by the unwarranted aggression of Germany with her unrestricted submarine warfare. It is a time for every American citizen to think, act and express himself in terms of loyalty. Those citizens of German name and ancestry, unless they want to come under a suspicion, should be careful not to indulge in expressions that may be misinterpreted and made to appear as assertions of one displaying a lack of patriotism.

On the other hand, unconfirmed rumors should not be given too great a credence. Rumors at such times often result in injustice to innocent parties. Put out your flag. Let the Stars and the Stripes be your guiding emblem. Let your acts and expressions be not inconsistent with the protection of which the Red, White and Blue banner is symbolic.

Because the Portland Journal by its recent prolonged blubbering over the delinquent tax publication disgusted citizens of Oregon pretty generally and made a most glorious fizzle of its demagogical campaign is no reason why the country papers affiliated with the Oregon State Editorial Association should go the Journal one better and propose an organized boycott on the Journal. There is no need of the Glacier again expressing its opinion on the contemptible actions of the Journal. But we believe beyond beneath the dignity of so great an organization as the State Editorial Association. Individually and collectively we will not, of course, forget the Journal and its erratic course, but a boycott—that simply gives the Journal something to continue to sob about.

C. W. Myers and F. V. Parson have become respectively editor and business manager of the Pacific Interstate, formerly Motoroad, of Portland. The first issue of the new publication under the management of Messrs. Myers and Parson, experienced Portland newspaper men, made its appearance last week. With an especial emphasis on good roads, the new publication will be devoted to all Pacific Coast progress.

The Spectator, edited by Hugh Hume and published in Portland, celebrated its tenth birthday Saturday. In a dress of Irish green and containing stories of affection from Oregon college and high school students, poems by Oregonians and special articles, the anniversary edition emphasized the usual virility of the Spectator.

Remember that \$1 will save the life of a Belgian child for a month. Remember the card party of the Belgian Children's Relief committee at the Heilbronner hall this evening. An evening of pleasure will cost you but 25 cents. Your assistance will bring the blessing of the mother of starving babes.

The weather the past two years has caused strawberry growers of the Hood River Valley a heavy damage. We advise that berry growers consult with Indian George before it is too late and secure his cooperation for the season of 1917.

SECURING MATERIAL A WORRY FOR COURT

Following a decision to construct a mile of demonstration concrete highway in the thickly settled portion of the East Side orchard district, the county court has met with a worry over securing proper material for the new work. It has been ascertained that the rock of the quarry at which the county crusher is now located is of an inferior quality and will not make a lasting base for concrete.

If a special rate will be granted by the O. W. R. & N. Co. the crushed rock will probably be hauled here from Mosier. If an arrangement cannot be reached with the rail company it is likely that the crusher will be removed to a point on Neal creek or to Dee, where quarries of suitable stone are found. It is stated that the cost of removing the crusher will reach several hundred dollars.

The State Water Board, according to a letter received from the commission by Geo. R. Wilbur, secretary of the East Fork Irrigation District, will, as soon as weather conditions permit, resume the work of making a thorough survey of the watershed of the Hood river. The work began late last summer was postponed because of lack of funds.

The letter to Senator Wilbur states that the Water Board did not receive as heavy appropriations as were expected for from the legislature, but that the local work will be rushed, since it is deemed mandatory from a decision of the supreme court last year in the case of the Oregon Lumber Co. vs. the East Fork Irrigation District.

A marked development is now under way at Underwood, Wash., on the North Bank railway line and the outlet for Skamania county's chief fruit district.

The D. G. Jackson Co., the incorporators of which are D. G. Jackson, D. H. Drewery and D. P. Gilliam, is adding two stories and an attic to its large one-story mercantile establishment.

A new road has been cut along the bank of the White Salmon river, connecting Underwood with the main trunk highway of Klickitat county penetrating the Trout Lake and Glenwood communities.

P. S. Davidson a Candidate. The recently tendered resignation of P. S. Davidson, who has been president of the shipping organization since it was established in 1912, has been withdrawn, and Mr. Davidson will again be a candidate for re-election to the board of directors of the Apple Growers Association at the general election to be held on April 7. Mr. Davidson's resignation, tendered because of ill health, was never granted by his associates on the board. The board, however, has granted the resignation of Walter Kimball, a member of the directorate.

Public Market Proposed. At a meeting of the city council Monday night, J. Adrian Epping petitioned that the city provide for a public market to be maintained the coming spring and summer on Second street, an extraordinary broad thoroughfare in the business district. Mr. Epping suggested that the council take the initiative and give the proposed plan wide publicity, inviting valley ranchers to bring their product to the public market every Saturday afternoon.

No action was taken on the public market matter by the city fathers.

Capt. Schetty 90 Today. Capt. C. A. Schetty, U. S. N., retired, will celebrate his 90th birthday today at the East Side orchard home of his daughter, Mrs. Scott Aiken. Captain Schetty, who has sailed the Seven Seas and who has visited most of the foreign ports of the world has a remarkable memoir, and stories of his adventures hold an interest for old and young. Captain Schetty spends his days now busily engaged in weaving rugs and hammocks as gifts for his friends.

Plans Made for Baptist Meeting. Preparations are under way for the entertainment of the delegates to the annual meeting of the Willamette Valley Baptist Association at the Heights Baptist church April 15-19, inclusive. J. Adrian Epping will be in charge of the music for the event. The students of the Hood River high school will participate, and the members of the Commercial club will furnish a battery of automobiles to take the visitors on as tour of the orchard districts.

Light and Power Co. in New Office. The local branch of the Pacific Power & Light Co. now under the management of J. V. Strange, has been moved from the Davidson building on Third street. The company has had the new place of business neatly and conveniently equipped, and the show windows are filled with exhibits of electrical apparatus.

TRUE PROPERTY VALUATION URGED

The State Tax Commission is this year urging assessors to make a true valuation of property arriving at their assessments. Assessor Wickham has received the following letter on the subject:

"It is definitely stated in the laws of Oregon that all taxable property shall be assessed at its true or cash value. In addition, each assessor is specifically required, on completion of his assessment roll, to take an oath to the effect that he did diligently and to the best of his ability assess all taxable property in his county, subject to assessment by him, at the full cash value thereof. The members of the State Tax Commission are required to subscribe to a similar oath on the completion of the assessment roll prepared by them. (Sec. 3555, Lord's Oregon Laws, as amended by Laws of 1913, page 378.)

"Due allowance must, of course be made for the many problems and difficulties the assessor encounters in seeking to apply this standard of valuation to particular items and classes of property. At the same time there is no justification for known and intentional violation of the plain letter of the law. The nearer an assessor comes to full cash value in all his assessments, the fairer and more equitable will the assessments become as between individual taxpayers. Deliberate undervaluation of property always tends towards inequality and injustice in taxation.

"The time worn statement that increased valuations result in increased taxes, on account of rates of levy not being correspondingly reduced, has been negated by budget laws, by the tax limitation amendment to the constitution, and, particularly, by a recent effort requiring that all levies shall hereafter be made in dollars and not in mills. Also, under the plan of equalization between counties now in effect, it is no longer true that a high county valuation increases and a low valuation reduces the proportion of state taxes to be paid by any county.

"The Tax Commission does not attempt to prescribe any hard and fast rule for assessments, but it insists that each assessor should make an earnest effort to obey the plain letter of the law and record such assessments that he can take the oath required of him without subterfuge or mental reservation."

COURT ORDERS HIGHWAY OPENED

The county court Friday, following a report of the road viewers, ordered opened the new stretch of the Columbia River Highway in this county that will eliminate the dangerous Rutledge hill grade. The new road, for work on which the State Highway Commission on January 15 appropriated the sum of \$25,500, to be matched by a like amount by the federal government under the Shackleford bill, is approximately two miles in length.

While no expression has been secured from J. W. Morton, who is interested in property crossed by the new roads from just beyond the corner of Flint's place to the top of Sandy Flat hill are in very bad shape due to bushes along the roadside. The branches not only strike motorists in the face, but obstruct the view of drivers, thereby rendering the highway dangerous.

After citing further bad places in the highway used by sportsmen, Mr. Fredrick concludes: "I propose to go to a former court, but the plea of poverty was made. Would it be consistent for the present court to give the matter some consideration? I assure you that the improvements made in the highway will be greatly appreciated by a very great number of Hood River county citizens."

Petition for Road Improvement. With J. H. Fredrick as spokesman, the fishermen of the Hood River valley have formally petitioned the county court to make an improvement of the roads penetrating the country on the upper waters of the West Fork.

A letter from Mr. Fredrick to County Judge Blowers follows: "The fishing season will soon be here, and the followers of Isaac Walton will soon want to wend their way up into the West Fork country. Now the roads from just beyond the corner of Flint's place to the top of Sandy Flat hill are in very bad shape due to bushes along the roadside. The branches not only strike motorists in the face, but obstruct the view of drivers, thereby rendering the highway dangerous."

Barrett Spray Meet. LeRoy Childs and Gordon G. Brown, experiment station representatives, will deliver spray talks at the Barrett schoolhouse on the evening of Friday, March 23.

Tahoma is Raised. Crews of men have been busy the past several days raising the steamer Tahoma, which sank after running on rocks near Carson. The steamer Tahoma has been engaged in carrying out the Peoples' Navigation Co. schedule.

SUMMONS. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for Hood River County. State Land Board, Plaintiff. Marion MacLae and Will G. MacLae, Defendants. To Marion MacLae, one of the above named defendants.

In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 22nd day of March, 1917, which is the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit, on or before the 3rd day of May, 1917, and if you fail to so appear and answer said complaint, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in its complaint, to-wit: For judgment against you in the sum of \$2000, with interest thereon at the rate of six per cent per annum since the 21st day of December, 1914, for the further sum of \$200 attorney's fees, and for plaintiff's costs and disbursements made and expended herein; for the foreclosure of that certain mortgage made, executed and delivered by you and defendant, Will G. MacLae to the plaintiff, on the 20th day of November, 1915, securing your promissory note of even date therewith for said sum of \$2000, and for the sale of the premises so mortgaged, to-wit: The North Half of the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section Eight, in Township North of Range Two, East of Willamette Meridian, containing Twenty acres, more or less, to satisfy said judgment as aforesaid, and for such other and further relief as to the court may seem just.

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