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A SORRY STATE

Within the next few weeks work of re-surfacing the Dalles-California highway between Klamath Falls and Modoc Point will be under way, providing a good macadam road over the state highway to the north.

This is as it should be. The state commission is always ready to make needed road improvements when funds are available, and the commission likewise sees that needed funds are available if the need is sufficiently urgent.

But it appears to the Herald that there is a certain waste of public funds to build this portion of the highway and then neglect to improve the road within the city limits.

As it is at present, the Shippington road is a public disgrace. Autoists desiring to go to Crater Lake thru Klamath Falls are compelled to travel over this almost impassable road. It leaves a bad impression with them. Wherever they go they warn other motorists to keep away from Klamath Falls because of the bad condition of the roads within the city limits.

We venture the assertion that a good many tourists have been kept away from the city already this season because of the bad condition of the Shippington road, and unless the city officials find some means of making this much needed improvement, the city will get a black eye which will take many years for it to live down.

Action is needed. Something should be done without further delay, and the city council should in some manner or other find the necessary finances to remove this serious blot.

NEXT YEAR'S RODEO

Members of the Bly Rodeo association ably demonstrated last week that the annual Fourth of July Rodeo can be made a complete financial success. Something like 15,000 people, many of them from distant states, flocked into Klamath Falls to witness and enjoy this truly western event. The Rodeo more than vindicated itself.

For several weeks prior to the Rodeo there was some doubt as to whether or not it should be held. The Bly association wanted to sell the equipment to Klamath Falls and make it a civic enterprise. There were some negotiations to this end but they fell through.

But what of next year's Rodeo? It is to be perpetuated and made an annual event? Is the Bly association going to continue or will the people of Klamath Falls take it over?

These are questions which are bound to come up in the coming months. But now is the time to settle them once and for all. If the Bly association wants the people of Klamath Falls to take over the Rodeo, negotiations should start now so that all such questions will be definitely settled many months in advance of next year's Rodeo.

Pat Hogue Held On Booze Charge

Pat Hogue, who the sheriff's office has had under observation for some time, was finally rounded up by Deputy Sheriffs Lon Burke and Tom Tracy and two state prohibition agents early last evening. He was arrested on a ranch ten miles west of Klamath Falls and besides a pile of bottles which bore suspicious smells, he had in his possession two bottles of alleged moonshine. The liquor was confiscated and Hogue was taken before Justice of the Peace R. E. Hunsaker who fixed a bond of \$500. Hogue raised the bond and was released.

LEAVE FOR PORTLAND

Elks Convention is Objective of Local Family

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Johnson and small son Bibbie, left yesterday for Portland where they will attend the Elks convention. The trip is in the nature of a vacation and after the convention, the Johnson family will probably tour about Oregon before returning to Klamath Falls.

Not having any faults is a very great fault.

Erring Comedian To Be Taken Back

NEW YORK, July 10 (AP)—The New York American says today that Frank Tinney, blackface comedian, who recently fled to London from his forgiving wife after an escapade with Imogene Wilson, former follies girl, is homestruck, broke and ready to come back, and that his wife will take him back.

"Why shouldn't I take him back—my Peck's bad boy?" she is quoted as saying. "There are worse men than Frank. It takes more than liquor to ruin him. He's been punished."

Imogene broke into print when Tinney was arrested for hitting on the jaw the girl that Florenz Ziegfeld had, the grand jury failed to indict the comedian. To the surprise of all he fled to London. Imogene fled after him.

Now the paper says, Tinney has lost Imogene.

TOURING COUNTRY

MI. Shasta, California, People Making Tour by Motor

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hogan of Mt. Shasta, California, were guests here yesterday enroute north on an extended vacation trip. They plan to visit all the coast cities and motor into Canada.

Editorial Features

The Party's Ruined Unless It's a Dud



Stewart's Washington Letter

By CHARLES P. STEWART
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, July 10.—The theory of taxation is that rates should be high enough, but no higher than necessary, to support an efficient government; to pay interest on, and gradually reduce, debts piled up by preceding governments which failed to live within their incomes; that the burden should fall on the taxpayers in proportion to their means.

This is the theory of all taxation, from the federal government's down to the pettiest township's.

But when it comes to the question of tax collection methods, the federal government's theory is one thing, and the theories of state, county and city governments are "something else again."

The federal government's idea is to sugarcoat its taxes all it can—to rely on indirection, particularly the tariff, and stamp duties, which, while they yield revenue, do it so subtly that the average taxpayer doesn't know he's being taxed.

The income tax isn't like this, Lord knows. It's an exception, however—an emergency war tax.

Besides, it catches only a minority. At that, the federal government's aware how unpopular it is.

Take note—it's the first federal tax to be reduced.

State and lesser governments prefer the strong-arm method. Summoned into city and county treasurers' offices, the taxpayer is forced to hand spot cash through the wicket, under threat of dispossession of his property—like a highwayman's victim surrendering his dough at the point of a gun.

This extortion has reached proportions lately which alarmed some state governments, lest it breed a

revolt, and they're borrowing a few of the federal government's tricks of indirection.

As a general proposition, however, the federal government's taxation policy is to be slick and the local governments' policy is to be crude.

The explanation? It seems to be this:

The federal government is so far removed from the masses of voters as to be hardly recognizable as their own creation. If it arouses their resentment, they'll make no allowances.

"A Washington senator or representative fixing Florida's taxes!" Gotta be careful.

But a local government? The people who made it know they made it themselves. It's up to them.

Let a national politician make a mistake and he can't explain to the country. Let a local one arouse his constituents' anger to the boiling point—if he's smooth enough, he can talk 'em out of it.

Federal taxes are high but coming down. State taxes are higher and coming up. County taxes are higher yet and coming up still faster. City taxes are highest of all and no rise equals theirs.

The nearer you get to the people, who have the most to say about their own local affairs, the worse the situation gets.

The natural conclusion is that the people, basically, are least to be trusted of all.

It's axiomatic that a people gets as good a government as it deserves. The American people seem to be getting better ones, all up and down the line.

Then why so much kicking about taxes—and other things? We ought to be pretty well satisfied.

RELEASE CHINAMAN UNTIL GRAND JURY

The last of the 41 taken Tuesday night in a gambling raid on a gambling dive on 431 Commercial street, was released from jail late yesterday, when Henry Mo and Lee Sing, both of whom are proprietors of restaurants raised the \$700 bond under which Jack Fong, charged with selling lottery tickets, is being held. Fong will be at liberty till the meeting of the grand jury.

RETURNING FROM SOUTH After Visiting With Relatives and Friends for Weeks

Mrs. H. J. Winters returned last Saturday from California where she has been enjoying a pleasure trip for the past six weeks. While south at Oakland, Mrs. Winters visited with Miss Audrey Brennehan, who has arrived in the city to spend the remainder of the summer as the house guest of Mrs. Winters.

RETURN FROM PORTLAND Mother and Son Attend Wedding in Portland

Mrs. Oscar Peyton and son, Ralph, returned the last of the week from Portland where they attended the wedding of their son and brother, Calvin Powell Peyton, who was married on June 28 to Miss Dorris Ady, at the home of Miss Ady's mother, Mrs. Leona Ady. After visiting for a few days in the north Mrs. Peyton and son returned home by motor.

ARRIVE TOMORROW To be Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Molatore for Week

Miss Anna Cleoni and her mother will arrive tomorrow evening by motor from Redding, California, to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Molatore of the Hotel Metropolitan for a week. On Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Molatore plan to take their guests to Crater Lake for the day. Miss Cleoni has been chief telephone operator at Redding for the past five years.

OFFICERS RESERVE Monthly Dinner of Officers Reserve Tonight

Former Superintendent Fred A. Baker of the Klamath Agency will be the principal speaker at the officer's reserve banquet to be held this evening at 7:30 at the Hotel White Pelican. Over 75 members have made reservations to attend the monthly banquet.

PORTLAND VISITORS Number of Portland People Visit in City Yesterday

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Brohm, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Powell, C. Harrington and Mr. and Mrs. J. Gains were among the Portland visitors here yesterday, stopping at the Hotel White Pelican.

PENDELTON, ORE.

H. D. Landrum and Burney Kenny of Pendleton are guests in the city stopping at the Hotel Arade.

M'NEALY LEAVES Goes to Portland on Business Trip for Few Days

W. W. McNealy left for Portland this morning, where he will transact business, planning to return home on Sunday.



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"THE CITY WILL REBUILD BIGGER AND BETTER THAN EVER"



Santa Barbara Goes to Work



Santa Barbara is hard at work repairing the devastation wrought by her earthquake. This picture shows workmen busy on the ruins of the San Marco building, which was one of the largest in the city.