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Why Not "Reform" the Taxpayer?

In another column is a communication signed "Taxpayer" which severely criticizes the county court for the 1922 budget and its approval of the items contained therein.

The county court makes its budget largely in an endeavor to make the most improvements with the least amount of money possible. It is a notorious fact that demands come to the court from every part of the county, and from taxpayers, demanding road building and improvements and the construction of bridges over streams, the road question being the one of dominant interest in the county. To build all these roads at one time; to make all the improvements asked for; to bridge all the streams indicated by petitioners; together with other things desired on the part of the taxpayers, would be out of all question and reason. So, that in the absence of instruction from the whole body of taxpayers, the county court and its three advisors, have to agree upon certain improvements for the year following according to their best judgment—the result is a budget.

The reformer takes his fling at the court and holds that body responsible for all the alleged evils resulting from high taxes. But the taxpayers demand improvements, and the county court cannot make them without money, and it takes money to pay taxes. Why blame the court, when the taxpayers themselves are to blame for demanding these things?

Instead of trying to "reform" the court, why not begin with the taxpayer himself, of which the complaint, "Taxpayer" claims to be one. The war greatly increased taxes. Improvement has increased them.

gradually back to conditions as they existed before the war, when the ex-

pense of improvement and labor was less.

Who would be willing to go back to the former state of bad roads that practically isolated this county from communication by vehicles with the outside world? This is not a mud sled nor a tallow dip age.

A reduction of taxes will come. The people as a whole are gradually working back to normalcy, but it cannot be done by one single spasm of wild-eyed "cut-throat" economy. It cannot be accomplished by calling names, by abuse or insinuation. Neither can this or any other county in the great state of Oregon turn about and go backward without a sense of public shame. In the absence of instructions from the taxpayer, the Headlight believes that the county court has done the best it could with the 1922 budget, and the court is simply unfortunate in being caught in the vortex of the recurrent wave of the old, old tax reform high water, that, after a period of great improvement, always manifests usually with a crowd of visionaries on its crest.

COMMUNICATION

To the Editor: While scanning the budget estimate for 1922 one cannot help wondering why the county court does not take this tax reduction problem seriously and line up with the retrenchment and back to normalcy movement which is getting a firm hold on the taxpayers over the entire state.

According to the budget estimate, as printed, the taxes to be raised and expended by the court this year will amount to several thousand dollars more than last year as the one mill levy for purchase (and improvement) of the fair grounds, is eliminated which tax raised nearly \$23,000 yet the budget calls for only \$15,000 less than last year.

Many of the items in the budget are staggering to the average taxpayer, for instance the item of over \$200,000 for Roads and Highways, yet we have not had enough good concrete paved road in the past four years on which, as the slang phrase goes, to flag a bread wagon.

What becomes of that vast amount of money? A great deal of it may be accounted for in the everlasting dumping in the roads of rock dirt and gravel, by trucks, tractor trains and other highly expensive equipment to be immediately dug out again by the next truck that comes along. Another item of no small significance is the salary paid to so many roadmasters, deputy road masters and straw bosses or deputy road masters as they will soon be called.

Our deputy dairy and food inspector who by the way still draws a war time wage, at least is compelled to make periodical reports to the public and his chiefs.

Space will not permit at this time

of going into many details, but the little (?) item of nearly \$50,000 for county officers and court house expense is worthy of mention.

The employees in and around the court house may enter the service with absolutely nothing invested except possibly an Eversharp pencil and a wrist watch, which probably wasn't furnished by the county, and they are permitted to draw from \$1400 to \$2000 and more per year for 8 hours (1) service, six days of the week except holidays. While the farmer with practically the same qualifications (except the watch) may invest from \$20,000 to \$30,000 dollars and he and his wife both work from 12 to 16 hours each day and sit up the remainder of the night figuring out how to pay their taxes, interest, insurance and many other farm expenses and still keep their balance out of the red at the end of the year. It can hardly be done at present.

Some time ago when our former Sheriff Campbell according to report inaugurated a movement to have his and many other of the county employees salary raised, very little opposition was registered at the polls as the taxpayers were getting unusual returns for their produce and they wished to be fair as usual to others, but now that the price of butterfat is and has for sometime been down approximately 50 per cent while potatoes, beef cows, calf hides, etc., are down from 150 to 500 per cent things are decidedly different.

Mr. Chairman of the budget meeting, ladies and gentlemen, I move you that enough be deducted from "salaries of county officers and court house expense" which added to the

eight or nine thousand dollars which SHOULD be left from last years levy for "fairgrounds and improvements" would start some substantial improvements which the people intended should be done when they voted the levy.

Pat Casey of Sheridan who spends two or three days in Tillamook last week, returned home Monday. In his younger days Pat could "lick his weight in wild cats", but time has slowed him down some, and with gray hairs and a more philosophic cast of mind, he is not inclined to seek physical contests. Pat lives in the Gopher valley country near Sheridan, and is a farmer.

Mrs. Frank Bester of east of town who recently spent two months at the bedside of her mother in California, has returned, and reports her parent as being much improved in health.

Make your headquarters at Reehers Furniture Store. It will pay you to look over their line.—Adv.

Miss M. Cowan, who spent several days visiting in this city, returned to her home in Portland Tuesday.

Mrs. Pollock, who spent the week end here visiting returned to Cloverdale Sunday, where she teaches in the public schools of that place.

H. A. Brant and daughter, and Harold Brant and wife, and Mrs. Robertson of Sandlake, were in the city Wednesday.

Henry Wood was a passenger to Portland last Monday.

FOR THE KIDDIES ... CHRISTMAS ...

Fascinating story books, bouncing balls, toques, sweaters, mittens, bunny dresses, rompers, aprons, Dr. Denton's sleepers, knox knit hose, first step shoe, baby boudoir stamped wearables for wee to's. See the circus animals.

FANCY WORK AND ART DEPARTMENT FOR THE LADIES

MRS. KING

In Balcony of King & Crekshaw

TRAPPING MOLES

In carrying out the mole eradication campaign in Tillamook county an effort is being made to secure the highest possible value for the mole skins caught.

To this end mole traps of the scissors or choker loop type are recommended as they do not injure the skins. Trapping may be carried on at any season of the year. However, the heavy rains of this county wash the soil from beneath the traps and make it necessary to reset all traps after each storm. The winter and summer skins are all good skins. The mole's fur varies less than most other animal's although it molts twice a year. During April, October and November many are unprime, but even at this time they have some value and should be saved.

How to Set Traps
No better tool for use in setting mole traps can be found than a good strong garden trowel. Make the break or opening into the burrow no larger than is necessary to accommodate the trap; otherwise the mole may deviate from the original course and pass through without being caught. Even when placing the trap on one of the shallow hunting paths it will pay to dig into the run way and adapt the setting to known conditions, rather than to set from the surface by simply forcing the loops or the jaws into the soil. Some times, also, in digging, three or four forks of the burrow are discovered, and there is nothing to do then but fill the break and try elsewhere. So far as the writer's observation goes no importance should be attached to the admonition sometimes heard to disturb the mole's runway as little as possible when setting the trap and to use gloves in the operation, lest the animal get the scent of human hands.

The location of one of the shallow hunting paths of the mole is indicated plainly by the surface ridges. To find a deep runway from which a mound of earth has been pushed out, clear away the latter and feel or prod for the short passageway running obliquely down to the main tunnel. Follow its course, usually only a few inches and place the trap on the main run.

Scissor-jaw-traps: To get the best results with the scissor-jaw trap the soil in which the setting is made must first be loosened with the trowel and freed from sticks, clods or pebbles. The jaws of this trap must close in the soil and will, of course, act the more quickly the less they are obstructed. Make the excavation for the trap a little deeper than the level of the bottom of the runway, for the tendency of a mole is to pass under rather than to one side of a break or obstruction in its burrow. Having definitely located the course of the runway, fill in enough loose earth to hide and obstruct the passage, and settle the trap snugly into place, the jaws straddling the course. Tap the trigger pan down with the end of the



George OUR BOY REPORTER

If you want to get a cow you coud get one now an all you got to do is go see Mister Magarrell an Mister John Plasker an Mister Beals an Mister Holmes an Miss Gaylord an they wood give you the munney to get the cow to get the dary for milk cause up to the banks they dassunt lend you any think to get cows with. They got a boat a millyun dollars jess to get cows with. We get canned milk for our milk wich is easier than milkin my father sed.

Verna Mast is studdyin fizziology by male in the university an Mrs Dimick is studdyin birds an right short stories. I dont gess its rong to tell stories by male but my father sed if he ever ketches me tellin stories he is goin to wale me up to wun inch of my life, Elizabeth Phillips is studdyin grammer by male so she coud rite letters I gess.

Mrs. Sargeant from Miami wich is in Florida is here visitin relashuns wich is her neece wich is Grace Crandall. Mrs. Sargeant is her ant an she is tourin all over the world. Miami is rite on the oshun an its next to Lemon city in the jog ruffy an Coccoanut grove also wich is ware Mister William Jennings Bryan lives whats runnin to be president all his life. She's goin to stay a long time cause its crowded down thare in the winter time with millyunares an every think like that.

Cum wun an cum all an get your winter hats before its two late Miss Paterson sed whats the millyary trowel handle and lastly, Release the safety hook that holds together the bows of the trap. Do not pack the earth in the excavation nor fill in dirt higher than the top of the jaws.

Geo. Childers went out to Sheridan Monday, returning Wednesday night.

If you have been looking for Jarmieres, you should see the nice assortment that just arrived at Reehers.—Adv.

T. K. Stewart and wife of Portland came in to spend the holidays with friends in this city, arriving Monday.

Sendin the week end here with relatives returned Sunday to her school near Dolph.

lady. The cheef ast me to give it a little rite up so I did.

If you want to get sum dandy cards for Chrismuss to send to peopple what you aint goin to give no presents to an wich you dont like much we got sum dandies here in our office cheep but you got to hary up less they get all tuck by sunboday else. If you want sum jess fone an tell the cheef to keep sum for you an then cum rite down an tell himi what to put on them. Its fone Main 68.

If you found a grey purse wich to velvet wood you please bring it to us cause we no who it is. It was lost sum wares between the Boals hospittle ware you go when you get sick an the bizness sectshun of the city an if you was to bring it to us an we wont ast no questshuns neether.

If you want to get sum stuff for your baby you coud get everythink up to Edith King's up to the balcony up to Kings an Crenshaws. They got sum nice fresh things to ware for the baby an bored wore layettes an hare swiches an corsets an everythink you coud think about cheep.

If you want to get a new dress for your wife go see Mister Church wich is sellin inshura, ce from Mass achusetts wich is ware Boston is the pilgrims landed wun time. He aint got no lady's dresses but he sed he coud fix it so you coud get a lady's dress for anybuddy wich you want. If you are gubid to get sick an die now is the time to see Mister Church so if you die it wont cost you nothin.

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