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RELIEF FROM HIGH TAXES

Increase in taxes coming just at a time when there is decrease in earnings has brought forcefully to attention the need of economy in public expenditures.

Request has been made to the Columbia County court for reduction in expenditures, a request in which every Vernonian who has just received a card from Tax Collector Weed is likely to approve. Yet the question as to how taxes can be materially reduced is perplexing. Effecting of certain economies, eliminating an employe or two, reducing salaries (already low) may help, but after all the saving to the individual taxpayer is disappointingly small, and the heavy burden remains. If the county court succeeds in granting no considerable relief the members cannot be blamed, because the bulk of the expenditures either have been already voted by the people or are fixed by law.

One measure, however, would help relieve the strain decidedly: turning over the market roads, or as many of them as possible, to the state highway commission.

As this newspaper understands the law passed at the last session of the legislature, it is not mandatory upon the commission to take over all or even any considerable part of the market roads. They may use their own discretion, according to the funds at their disposal.

The county court should therefore see to it that Columbia county receives its share of relief through the conversion of market roads into state highways, and the matter should be brought before the commission at the earliest advantageous moment.

ELIMINATING BUTTER SUBSTITUTES

The effort to legislate butter substitutes out of existence has never met with marked success, and the plan to levy a tax upon them is open to the objection of discrimination. A better method appears to be that of voluntary banning of oleomargarine and similar preparations from the shelves of merchants. It is this method that is being used in many cities of Oregon, including St. Helens, Rainier and Clatskanie in our own county.

Dairying can only prosper when the price of butter-fat yields to the farmer a fair return for his labor and investment. When he is forced to compete with cheap coconut oil and other products from foreign islands in the Pacific, the market for his own far superior product is very much diminished. For the sake of our own prosperity, we should help promote the prosperity of the Oregon dairyman.

Among Our Neighbors . .

J. A. Beeler, 86, for nearly 30 years a resident of Warren, died March 30.

8.8 inches, double the average rainfall for the month of March,

was reported by Joseph Hackenberg, Sr., weather observer of Doraville.

The St. Helens American Legion is sponsoring a series of boxing and wrestling bouts, the first of which is to be held tonight.

Work on the new high school at Scappoose started March 30.

Land owners in the Rainier drainage district are threatening



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a recall of two supervisors, H. R. Dibblee and W. E. Proctor, for alleged neglect to keep the pumps in order and also in pumping the water out of the district.

The county typing contest in St. Helens April 1 resulted in a victory for St. Helens, with Clatskanie winning second place.

S. C. Morton, who was injured March 24 in a fall from a gang-plank, left the hospital March 25. It will be some time before he will be able to return to his office.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Olson of Birkenfeld, born March 31, passed away last week.

What Other Editors . . . Think

TAX REFORM

In all kindness and with no intent to criticize we would remind those uniting for tax reform that real reform can only come from insuring economy of expenditure and distributing the cost equally upon all taxable resources. In time this may mean exclusion of property from taxation, but all sensible people know that this is impossible at present and will be impossible until there is certainty of what may be raised from other sources. It must be kept in mind that all taxpayers are at present assessed on either real or personal property, or both. Some will also be liable to the income and intangible taxes, and as the assessment on real property decreases in proportion to new revenue this number will increase, or if the solution of the financial problem is sound their property will begin to earn incomes. And it must be kept in mind that the movement for tax equalization is confined solely to the state tax and does not include state and county levies the people have voted upon themselves. Notwithstanding reductions which may be made in the state tax, it is the smallest tax we pay and the others will remain unchanged. In view of this we believe, as we have said before, that before the problem is solved a complete revision of the entire tax system is necessary, preceded by study of all present expenditures and decision as to what shall be retained and what shall be discarded. When this is done it will be possible to adopt a plan which will apply to state and county alike. Until this is done we do not believe any considerable individual reduction is possible. There may be some satisfaction in pointing out how many thousands we have lopped off of the state tax, but if the individual reduction is only a few dollars the whole thing will come dangerously close to being motion without progress. —Hillsboro Independent.

Mist

Mrs. A. A. Dowling

Burford Long and a boy friend drove down from Portland and spent a few days last week at the Ed. Reynolds' home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. DeRock were here from Portland last week visiting his sister, Mrs. Wm. Bridgers.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton J. Trotter and children, Alvery and Ayla were over from Silver Lake, Washington, and spent a couple of days visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Dowling, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Sundland made a business trip to Silver Lake, Washington, Saturday, returning the same day.

Mrs. Ed. Reynolds was a Vernonia visitor on Friday.

Mrs. M. Aamodt, Mrs. Jepson, and Mrs. Dowling attended the Ladies Missionary society at Mrs. Bolinger's at Neverstil last Friday.

Mrs. Maria Holmstrom was a visitor at the Reynolds home Friday. She also called on Mrs. Dowling.

Earl Knowles is working on the road helping clean slides.

Geo. Jones is working up at Clark and Wilson's.

A. R. Melis was a St. Helens visitor one day last week.

The heavy rain of last week did considerable damage in different places. It tore down Lawrence Jepson's new fence, laying it flat. Charles Sundland lost about one and a half ricks of wood, the water backing up under the garage and floating the wood away. It caused several slides along the road in different places. One large slide was in the bend of the road above the Kennedy place, which completely blocked traffic for two days. The

steam shovel is working there now. The new Mist-Clatskanie market road is closed until it can be repaired.

Oscar Jones folks have bought a new electric sewing machine recently.

Shady Lane is back in the village after an absence of about two months spent in Vancouver with his sister.

Wm. Bridgers is making several trips a week to Portland for treatments. He has been in poor health for some time.

We have two new families settled in the village last week, one family occupying the Walter Turner house on Mist heights, and the other family moving into the little bungalow owned by Mr. Bridgers, beside the store. Both men are truck drivers for the Van Vleet logging company.

A dinner was given last Thursday at the home of Mrs. Dowling in honor of Mrs. Walter Foster of Los Angeles, who is visiting at her home here for a short time. Covers were laid for fourteen: Mrs. G. McCormick, Mrs. A. R. Melis, Mrs. G. Devine, Mrs. M. Aamodt, Mrs. C. Sundland, Miss Olga Holmstrom, Mrs. Annie B. Johnson of Vesper, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Stanky from Vernonia, Mrs. Dowling, Mrs. Florence Dowling, Master Chas. Webber from Portland, and the honored guest, Mrs. Walter Foster.

Ersy Fisher is here from Everett, Washington, visiting his sister, Mrs. L. E. Mc Gee on the Burn.

The new bungalow being built on the Birkenfeld property in the heart of the village is nearing completion and will soon be ready for occupancy.

A pleasant surprise was given Mrs. E. T. Wallace Monday afternoon in honor of her birthday anniversary. Some beautiful glass stem ware was presented to Mrs. Wallace by her friends and the Jolly 20. The afternoon was

pleasantly spent and light refreshments were served.

Mrs. Mollie Wright sold off some of her milk cows last week.

The L. B. Kennedy family have moved away and a Mr. Schaffer moved in recently.

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