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LAZY VOTERS.

The greatest danger to American institutions lies in apathy of conservative voters who, by failing to vote, allow a small majority to inflict its will on the majority of the people.

In many primary elections from 15 to 20 per cent of total registered voters choose candidates to go on the ticket at general elections.

The same procedure takes place in regard to initiative measures placed on the ballot. Particularly is this true where unusual taxation measures come up at special elections, those who have pecuniary interest in the measure vote for it and thus a minority of registered voters will load a city, county or state government with a burden of debt which all must pay.

Every citizen should see that he is properly registered and go to the elections and vote, as a matter not only of good citizenship but as a business proposition.

The average business man would be most indignant if the charge were made that he allowed third parties to contract debts in his name and then objected to paying them. What is the difference if a business man allows himself to be loaded with a burden of tax debt simply through his negligence or laziness in failing to go to the polls and fulfill his duty as a citizen in voting for sound men and measures.

A PERNICIOUS SYSTEM.

If the richest man in your town came to you and said, "Bill, I would like to have you help me pass a law which will exempt income on all city, county, state and government bonds from all forms of taxation so that I can invest my money in these bonds and thereby be relieved of all tax burdens," what would you say?

The audacity of the proposition would stun you, and yet that is the situation that exists today. In years past, on the theory that by exempting this class of bonds from taxation, money for public purposes could be secured more cheaply, the income from this class of securities was exempted from taxation by law.

In those days, however, it was never dreamed that ten, twenty or even thirty billions of dollars of this class of securities would be issued. This is the condition, however, which confronts the American people today. Those best able to pay taxes are absorbing billions of dollars of tax-exempt securities and the tax revenue thereby lost to the government must be made up by industry and the average citizen.

President Harding advocates a change of this system so that in the future the issuance of tax-exempt bonds will be prohibited.

Here is the first step which could be taken toward the ultimate reduction of our tax bill.

THE SHIP SUBSIDY.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear upon congress by the administration for the passage of a ship subsidy bill on the ground that such action is necessary for the maintenance of our merchant marine. Repeated efforts have been made in times past to enact a ship subsidy measure and have always met with defeat, and indications are that the present drive will meet with the same fate. Subsidies of any kind, excepting of course the tariff, have never been popular with the American people, who have a strain of independence which makes them want to stand or fall by their own efforts. Besides it sets a bad precedent. If our merchant marine is given a subsidy that the American standard of living may be maintained, why not give the farmers such a subsidy as will enable them to make a decent living to say nothing about interest on their investment. There are numerous industries that could rise up and with equal justice with the merchant marine demand government assistance. There is danger of opening the gate even a little way lest the pressure behind may force it clear open and a paternalistic government pure and simple result.

REFORM THE COURTS.

Chief Justice Taft is touring England and studying court procedure as practiced by our British cousins with a view of instituting reforms in our own judicial system. Such reforms would certainly be timely. The American people are fast losing, if they have not already lost, confidence in our courts. The law's delay and court quibbling by which the great majority of criminals escape punishment has become a national scandal and must be remedied if orderly government is to be maintained. England is generally acknowledged to be far ahead of the United States in the matter of meeting out justice to criminals. And the joke of it is, they haven't any supreme court in England to declare laws unconstitutional.

Did you ever stop to think

By E. R. Waite.

That a man who doesn't know where he is going seldom gets anywhere.

That the way of the city knocker is down.

That some people are overworking the conservation idea. Perhaps a few dollars spent now on repairs of your house, will save a large expense later.

That it is a privilege and an opportunity to entertain conventions. You should make your guests familiar with the outstanding merits of your city.

That you should do your share to make your city the industrial and commercial metropolis of your section.

That the boosting spirit teaches you to first know your city, then go ahead with the real knowledge of your city, with a vision of a still greater city toward which your hopes, your thoughts and toil are building through the years.

That the prosperity of your city depends much upon the prosperity of the farmers.

That back of your city stands a great agricultural country.

That agriculture is the basis of our national prosperity and the farmers are left pretty much alone. Co-operate with them!

That you should marshal the facts about your city and county then use them to boost your city!

Scissors and Paste

And besides a floating oasis is an anomaly, anyhow.—Dallas News.

It is unfortunate that we can never know Darwin's opinion of Bryanism.

Americans in Germany say they are charged too much. Germany wants them to feel at home.

The idea of the subsidy is to pay our ships for bringing to this country what our tariff won't let in.

A plumber is held in the Chicago war. We claimed all along it wasn't the working men.—Huston Press.

Oil signs are found in the Philippines. This proves their claim to independence is unjust.—Oklahoma News.

Where is the capital of the United States, asks a reader. Largely in tax exempt bonds.—Wall Street Journal.

Wet on water and dry on land sounds like a logical platform, but not every one can see it.—Chicago Daily News.

Then, again, perhaps honesty is the best policy because it has so little competition.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Ten Chicago women were indicted for election frauds. Who said they couldn't learn politics.—Denver Express.

If Uncle Sam must get into the bootlegging business, let us hope he sells better stuff than some of his associates in it.—New York Tribune.

CLUB NEWS NOTES

ITEMS OF INTEREST ABOUT THE BOYS AND GIRLS.

Dorcas Sewing Club Completes Work

Thirteen members of the Dorcas Sewing Club have completed their work and made their final report. The club was organized last spring by Mrs. W. L. Turner. After completing the regular work, the girls worked out a doll clothes project for Miss Cowgill, assistant state club leader. As local leader Mrs. Turner has been exceptionally successful. Even though the project is completed the girls continue to stop at Mrs. Turner's home every day or so for help on some particular problem. Following is the story of the doll clothes contest written by Barbara Castleman, who is 10 years old.

"The Dorcas Sewing Club is composed of girls about 14 in number and with Mrs. Turner as leader. The girls are all under 12 years of age.

We all look forward to our meeting days for aside from the beginning and finishing of some interesting piece of sewing we always have a delightful social time. The club enjoyed an early spring hike and road-side picnic lunch.

Here I am forgetting that I was asked to write a short article of the doll clothes contest which was held recently.

The making of the clothes for the contest was great fun and a lot of work for small hands.

We had several meetings at which we worked on the clothing. We made dresses or rompers as we chose and then different little articles that go to make the finishing touches on dollies attire.

In the final contest Dorothy Laxon won first prize and she has promised to write a story telling of her work.

Flora Everett made underclothes, dress, coat, cap and little shoes for her doll. The clothing was so pretty that the judges, Mrs. Gilham and Mrs. Andrews, decided that Flora was entitled to first

prize in the second contest.

Beulah Rasmussen made a dress, cap and underclothing nicely and was given second prize in the contest.

The other members of the club dressed their dolls in such an attractive way that it was decided to give each girl a small doll as a token for her effort.

Mrs. Turner served refreshments and we adjourned and are looking forward to meeting again with our leader, to whom we owe much for our success as a club, to whom we are responsible for the many useful and pretty articles which each club member proudly displays.

Barbara Castleman.

Summer School Develops Leaders.

Two of the most successful sewing club leaders in Malheur county attended the Boys and Girls Summer School at Corvallis in 1921. Violet Lees of Bonita, has a club of five members and are doing some very good work. Sylvia Graham of Brogan has a sewing club of four members. The members report some very enjoyable times such as parties and picnics. Although they only started to work in May, they have completed all but two lessons.

KINGMAN KOLONY

BIDS LET FOR HIGHWAY

LEM WALKER OF ARCADIA HAS CONTRACT TO GRAVEL ROAD.

Mrs. M. M. Maxwell and Miss Corinne Maxwell recently returned from southern California, where they spent a delightful winter and spring. They contemplate motoring back to California for the winter. Mrs. Maxwell is now visiting in New Plymouth.

Miss Bertha Schafer of Nez Perce, Idaho, has been visiting the past two weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Schafer. While in the Kolony Miss Schafer was entertained in the Martin and Otis homes.

Mrs. Harrison McAdams of Weiser and Miss Elise Robinson, who is on her way east to the Sigma Kappa convention, were house guests of Mrs. Maurice Judd part of the week.

The past week Mr. and Mrs. Walter Nichols entertained Mrs. Nichols' mother, Mrs. Pattison, of Emmett, Idaho, Mr. and Mrs. Pollard of California, and Mr. McLain of Portland, Oregon. The guests departed the last of the week for their homes. While here Mrs. Pattison also visited her daughter, Mrs. Nick Bach.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Edwards were dinner guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Preston in Homedale.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Cotton and daughters Susan and Madeline celebrated the latter's return from school in Twin Falls by a trip to Arrow Rock Dam one day last week.

Viola Blodgett and Francis Peek are going to visit in the Kolony this week.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Overstreet, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Judd and Robert S. Overstreet were shopping in Boise Friday.

Miss Bernice Martin is spending the week with Mrs. P. B. Anderson at Big Bend, and Mrs. Geo. MacLafferty and Miss Florence Bach are thinning apples at the Steele orchard in Roswell.

Mrs. Embury Maxwell leaves soon with her little son and daughter for a visit in the old home in Minnesota.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Casad motored from New Plymouth to spend a day with the Edwards this week.

Mr. F. Lee Johnston, Mr. H. C. Baldrige, Mr. S. G. Tucker and others from Parma were looking at the potato fields this week.

Messrs. Breithaupt and Wellman are coming Thursday to make a test of the demonstration wheat planted in the Kolony.

Mr. Housh's meat deliveries have been a boon to housekeepers these hot days.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Crouch of Wilder, visited in the A. D. Moore home this week.

Two car loads of Pig Club boys and their leader went to Nyssa Friday afternoon and gave the Nyssa Pig Club team a jolly good run for high score. Both teams played well and the score was a tie until the last half of the ninth inning, when Nyssa got two in, making the score 4-2 in Nyssa's favor.

The school board held a meeting at the Edwards home Thursday evening.

Mrs. Charles Schweizer, who has taught several successful terms in Owyhee, has been engaged as principal of the Kolony school for the ensuing year.

Miss Alma Homan of Ontario will teach the lower grades.

The contract for grading and graveling the highway through the Kolony has been let to Lem Walker, of Arcadia, and work will be commenced at an early date. Gravel from the Beaumont pit will be used.

Men from the Owyhee and from this community Monday did the grading for a 600 foot switch just north of Overstreet crossing in Kingman Kolony. Railroad men advise that the siding will be put in at once. This is an improvement of much significance for a large and highly productive district will be served by this switch.

GIRL HURT IN ACCIDENT

MISS RHODA RIGGS INJURED WHEN CAR OVERTURNS NEAR WEISER.

Miss Rhoda Riggs was quite seriously injured Saturday evening in an auto accident near Weiser. She, with three others, were on their way to Weiser and they were going about 20 miles an hour when the car struck a cow, throwing Miss Riggs out on the gravel highway, striking on her face. The car overturned, throwing the other occupants out, but all escaped injury. Another car was secured from a near-by ranch and Miss Riggs taken to Weiser, where a physician dressed the wound.

FIND VALUABLE NUGGET

MANY BELIEVE CLAIM NEAR MALHEUR IS LOST BLUE BUCKET MINE.

It is believed the Blue Bucket diggings have been struck on Willow creek, four and one-half miles southwest of Malheur. C. R. Worsham picked up a \$125 nugget in the claims and hundreds of smaller ones are being found, beside the fine gold.

Monthly Report of the County Agricultural Agent for the Period June 5, to July 1, 1922.

The projects receiving major attention during the period of this report were in connection with alfalfa weevil, crop improvement and horticulture. Some time was devoted to rodent pest control and in holding meetings in the more remote communities of the county. Individual farm visits and checking up on demonstrations required several days time, as did miscellaneous and routine work.

Alfalfa Weevil.

At the suggestion of President Van Potten of the Ontario commercial club and at the expense of that organization, a portion of the tract on the Homer Utley farm which was sprayed for alfalfa weevil on June 2 as reported in the last monthly report, was again sprayed on June 11 for the purpose of determining the value of a second spraying on sprayed hay and the comparative merits of late vs. early spraying. On June 16 the agent made counts of the number of live alfalfa weevil larva on the different treatments, and on June 25 weights of hay from measured plots were taken from which to estimate yields. These results are given below. The figures are only approximately correct, yet quite conclusive as to the value of the treatments given. The quality of the early sprayed hay was far superior to the late sprayed hay, while the unsprayed hay was almost worthless.

Sprayed June 2, single application, live larva June 16, 200; approximate yield in tons per acre, 2.

Sprayed June 11, double application, live larva June 16, 110; approximate yield in tons per acre — 4.

Sprayed June 11, single application, live larva June 16, 550; approximate yield in tons per acre, 1.4.

Sprayed June 2 and June 11, live larva June 16, 200; approximate yield in tons per acre —.

Not sprayed, check, live larva June 16; approximate yield in tons per acre, 1.1.

Investigation of the spread of this pest into the more remote sections of the county was made in the Jordan Valley, Ruby and Rome districts in the south end, and the Birch creek, Basin creek, Malheur, Ironside, Bonita, Brogan and Jamieson sections in the north end of the county. No weevil were found south of the center of the county although persons were observed hauling hay (for feed while en route) from the infested areas of Oregon and Idaho, by which means, if no other, the weevil will certainly be introduced before long. Infestations varying in degree of advancement were found in all the northern part of the county as far as the Baker county line. In connection with this survey, a series of meetings were held at which the distribution of the weevil was made known and its habits and methods of control explained. The stockmen of the interior communities are particularly interested in checking the ravages of the pest, as they realize that hay is the backbone of their industry. While the hay growers of the lower and higher priced irrigated lands are inclined to turn to other crops rather than to fight the pest to save a crop which has not been particularly attractive to them of late years, it becomes doubly important to the stockmen of the interior that his own acres do not fail. To preserve the meadows of the stockmen calls for organized action along lines which are known to be effective.

Crop Improvement.

Work on this project consisted of checking up on a large number of demonstrations and in holding three community demonstration meetings. These meetings were held at Oregon Slope, Kingman and Vale. While not largely attended owing to the rush of work on the farms at the time, a number of the farmers turned out to each meeting and

considerable interest was manifested. Among the demonstrations inspected were soy beans, peas for canneries purposes, potato seed experiments, Hybrid No. 128 winter wheat, Federation spring wheat vs. other spring wheat varieties, field beans, ladino clover, and red clover in communities just introducing these crops.

Horticulture.

Three demonstration meetings were held on thinning fruit with extension specialist C. L. Long in charge. These meetings were held at Brogan, Nyssa and Oregon Slope and were well attended. Mr. Long gave several sets of figures which are the result of experimental work in thinning to show his hearers what the effects of thinning at different distances between apples of various varieties are, on the size, color, and value of the crop, its effects on the total yield, and the effect of thinning at different stages of the fruit development on the alternate bearing habit. He also gave instructions for bringing an orchard which has become an alternate bearer, back into annual bearing and profitable production through properly timed the lecture, a field demonstration of the method and practice of thinning was given at each point.

Miscellaneous and Personal Service

Seventeen days were spent in the field and seven days in the office; 90 persons called at the office on business; 95 personal letters and 100 paid ad ads were sent; 200000 for the local press; 890 miles traveled by auto; 42 farm visits were made of which 25 were the first this year; 30 demonstration visits were made; 6 demonstration meetings and 6 other meetings were held.

"I have noticed a good many grasshoppers in some places during the last few days," says County Agent Breithaupt in a letter to all farm bureau community directors. "It may be that some of the communities will need help to control the pests. If it should come to your attention that serious damage is threatened, to combat which organized action is needed, I trust that you will let me know without delay. Please give your best estimate of the extent of the infestation, the location, probable cooperation to be expected from the farmers and all other details you can. It will of necessity take a few days to begin poisoning after the need is made known in any community as supplies will have to be secured and other arrangements made.

"The formula given below is recommended for poisoning grasshoppers. The cost of materials should be around three to five dollars per hundred pounds, which will be borne by those who are benefited. There is no public money to such work. I can assist, however, either by giving information where the supplies may be purchased, or not obtainable locally, or in case individuals or groups of farmers send in prepaid orders I will secure the materials for them, to expedite matters.

Wheat bran, 100 pounds.
White arsenic, 4 pounds.
Salt, 2 pounds.
Molasses, 2 gallons.
Amyl acetate, 3 ounces.
Water to moisten.

Note: Calcium arsenate, lead arsenate, or Paris green may be substituted for the white arsenic.

Directions: Scatter in small piles early in the morning 5 to 10 pounds per acre."

OREGON IS IN THE LEAD

BUTTER FAT PRODUCTION SURPASSES THAT IN OTHER WESTERN STATES.

Oregon cow testing associations lead all cow testing associations in the western states for butter fat production during the month of May, it is announced by Professor E. B. Fitts of the college extension service. The 2360 cows tested in this state gave an average yield of 41.6 pounds of butter fat per cow for the month, or 134 pounds daily. In the state the Tillamook association led all the others with 2442 cows tested, with an average butter fat yield of 44.42 pounds.

"Pet," a grade Jersey owned by J. L. George of Tillamook, made the highest yield from an individual cow with 114.62 pounds of butter fat produced.

COUNTY STATISTICS

Malheur County Real Estate Transfers Recorded July 1st to July 8th.

U. S. A. to Chas. W. Parrott Jr., NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 26; E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23-15-41. 8-5-20.

U. S. A. to Edwin R. Burtis, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3; NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 10-19-41. 1-25-22.

U. S. A. to Peter Rader, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 20; SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28; N $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 29-24-39. 4-13-22.

Naomi Childs to Daisy Alice M. Childs, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 23-33-38; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 11-33-40; NW $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 5-37-37. 12-5-21. 1-00.

L. L. Griep et ux to F. W. Griep, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 8-18-47. 6-28-22. \$2000.

Hardin A. Parke et ux to L. A.

Mansur, metes and bounds in Sec. 29-18-45. 3-30-1916. \$22.00.

Vale Trading Co. to James M. McEwen et ux, Lot 7, Block 17, Outlook. 6-23-22. \$100.

Kittie E. Vines et vir to F. M. Vines, S $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 3-19-43. 7-5-22. \$100.

F. M. Vines et ux to Kittie E. Vines, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 4-19-43. 7-5-22. \$100.

U. S. A. to Harold H. Gurnsey, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, Sec. 1; Lots 1, 2, 3, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$, S $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 2-14-39. 11-4-21.

D. M. John et ux to F. A. Woolery, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29; E $\frac{1}{2}$ E $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 30-27-39. 3-25-22. \$10.00.

D. M. John et ux to F. A. Woolery, NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28; E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, W $\frac{1}{2}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 21; SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 29; W $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 28-27-39. 3-25-22. \$10.

Chas. Altschul et ux to Oregon & Western Col. Co., Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, E $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 33-17-47. 6-22-22. \$4,121.30.

Harry C. Reed to A. J. White, N $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{1}{2}$, and S $\frac{1}{2}$ N $\frac{1}{2}$ Sec. 8-15-41. 6-24-22. \$10.00.

Sheriff H. Lee Noe to Robt. F. Nichol, Lots 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Block 8, Hadley's 3rd Add. to Vale. 7-5-22. \$2,438.98. (Certificate of Sale).

Lee D. Vredenburg et ux to Frank Merrill, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, and SE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 30; E $\frac{1}{2}$ NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 32-14-43. 6-17-22. \$10.00.

Sheriff H. Lee Noe to Malheur county, property included in 1917 tax roll foreclosure. 7-8-22. \$7,549.53.

Complaints Filed in Circuit Court. Mary Dodge vs. Chas. H. Dodge. 7-6-22. Divorce.

Good McCormick Mower for sale. Albert Gibson.—Adv.

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