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POWER DOWN—TAXES UP

Yes, there's two sides to every question and here's a side of the power question presented through the Oregonian by Phil Metschan, republican candidate for governor, that every taxpayer and voter should read.

Mr. Metschan used Portland and much noised Tacoma rates for comparison. The average Portland householder would save \$1.80 a year if Portland had the Tacoma rate. But the home owner who pays \$100 a year in property taxes would pay \$150 a year if Portland had Tacoma's tax rate.

You can go down the street and trade \$50 for \$1.80 anywhere. And we can have municipal ownership if we are willing to pay the price of higher taxes and submit to politics in business.

Municipal ownership is not accomplished without cost to the taxpayer—by a mere showing that revenues finally wipe out the bonded indebtedness incurred for constructing the system. The tax rate tells the better story.

Moreover, a taxpayer is a mortal being. The time comes when he passes on to his fathers. If he helps pay the interest on bonds issued for public ownership for ten years and then dies, nobody opens his tomb and recompenses him when, and if the plant finally pays out.

And if he is fortunate as to live, nobody recompenses him. Whoever heard of a tax rate going down and staying down? If it is whacked upward to pay interest on bonded indebtedness, there is always some use for the money by the tax spenders after the bonds have been retired.

Taxes have a habit of going up. Once up, they stay up. Tacoma is struggling along with an 81-mill tax. Portland's is 48. They are making city employees take lay-offs without pay over there. They are talking sales tax and other extra-ordinary money-raising schemes.

On top of that there is a movement on foot for the state of Washington to impose a state tax on municipal electric light and power plants. The private plant contributes taxes to support of the whole state. The municipal plant does not. When public ownership supersedes private ownership, tax values are wiped off the books, and the farmer and the individual taxpayer in every nook and corner of the state has to help make up the loss.

Some of the boys don't say much about taxes when urging public ownership.

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CALIFORNIA SENDS 43 PER CENT OF OUR NEW SETTLERS

The importance of California as a source of new population for Oregon is indicated in the report just issued by Manager W. G. Ide of the state chamber of commerce which shows that of the total number of 550 new families who arrived in Oregon and located in various counties since January 1, of this year, 238 or about 43 per cent came from our neighboring state on the south. The new families from California invested \$957,600, and bought approximately 13,260 acres of land. The average investment per family was slightly over \$3000, showing that people of means are being secured as new settlers. Manager Ide points out that many of the families coming to Oregon from California were attracted to the latter state largely through national advertising but upon arrival they were unable to find suitable land and other opportunities to their liking.

The Los Angeles office of the state chamber is contacting hundreds of these families monthly now and offers them complete information on Oregon and then directs them to this state. Sales to new families sent north in this manner now average four per week and this number is mounting as the Los Angeles office is becoming better advertised and known in the southwest.

The Vale country has every reason to be proud of the work of the state chamber as it has helped immensely in bringing in many of our new settlers on the Vale project.

FRIENDS OF WILD LIFE

Everyone who loves animals and birds will rejoice at a recent announcement concerning the Wild Life Association, a new organization endowed by Joseph Palmer Knapp, famous New York magazine publisher.

The association will have an initial endowment of five million dollars, which will probably be increased to ten million, and has for its object the protection and conservation of American wild life.

A most pleasing feature of the announcement is that Senator Harry B. Hawes of Missouri will become the active head of the organization at the expiration of his term as United States Senator in March, 1933. In the meantime he will direct the preliminary work of the association.

Senator Hawes is one of the foremost figures in the movement for wild life protection, being the author of several works on various phases of the subject, and a representative of the Senate on the migratory bird conservation commission. He is a widely known sportsman and an outstanding authority on wild life.

Mr. Knapp's generosity in providing such a liberal endowment for this important conservation movement is most commendable, and it is fortunate that he will have Senator Hawes in active control of the work. The efforts of these distinguished friends of American wild life should have the hearty cooperation of press and public.

CITY POWER VOTED DOWN

After several years of rather unsatisfactory experience with municipally owned street car lines and other utilities the voters of San Francisco recently defeated a plan to put the city into the power business on a large scale by a decisive vote.

Four propositions were submitted, the most important being those to issue bonds for taking over the Pacific and Great Western propositions was defeated by vote of 60,974 to 24,930, while the Great Western proposition suffered a similar fate by a vote of 62,343 to 24,894. Two minor proposals were also voted down.

In spite of all the agitation for the extension of government and municipal operation of utilities, the idea does not appear to have gained much headway in the United States.

Hundreds of towns have voted to sell their municipal plants to the larger power companies in the last few years, and the trend is generally away from municipal ownership, especially in communities which hope for marked industrial development.

Some give according to their means; other according to their meanness.

Flyers who make it are heroes, those who don't ought to have known better than to try.

If a youngster can boss his pa and ma he is probably endowed with great executive ability.

Aimee's "four-square gospel" would probably appeal to more people if it guaranteed four square meals a day.

We read of a singer whose voice filled the hall so completely that the audience walked out to give it room.

Sometimes the father gives the bride away; in other cases the bridegroom has to find out for himself.

A contemporary confides that the new Belgian prince is in direct line of succession to the throne, because "his older sister is a girl."

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Owyhee—(Special to the Malheur Enterprise)—The siphon of the Owyhee canal across Malheur river will be approximately three miles east of Vale. It will be about 3½ miles long. The site has been tested as to foundation; the plans and specifications, however, have not been drawn. It is likely to be about two years before construction of this structure will be authorized and bids for the construction thereof given out.

Pour Concrete Soon

The General Construction company, contractors for construction of the Owyhee dam, just passed another mile stone in the building of this gigantic structure. Ever since the first part of the present year they have been laboring night and day to remove broken rock and gravel from a fault zone beneath the dam. To insure satisfactory foundation for the dam, it has been necessary to excavate to a depth of 200 feet below low water level of the river, removing large quantities of material and to fill this space with concrete. This work was completed the early part of this week. The caving in is now being overhauled, and in a week or ten days pouring of mass concrete in the base of the dam will begin.

Rush Tunnel Work

Construction of the tunnels which will carry water from the Owyhee reservoir to project lands in Malheur county is well under way. The first tunnel, number 1, is 3½ miles long, and 16 feet 7 inches in diameter. T. E. Connolly, contractor, on the upper half of this tunnel has penetrated 600 feet, most of which has required timbering. The J. F. Shea company, contractor on the lower end of this tunnel, has penetrated somewhat more than this.

A second tunnel 9 feet 3 inches in diameter and 4.2 miles long, generally referred to as tunnel number 5, will carry water from near the outlet of tunnel number 1 eastward, to water project land in Idaho. The J. F. Shea company is contractor on the upper end, and the S. S. Magoffin company is contractor on the lower end. These contractors have each penetrated the earth about 1,500 feet.

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Real Estate Transfers Recorded

Thomas M. Seaward to Agnes M. Tudor, SE¼SE¼ Sec. 25; NE¼NE¼ Sec. 36-31-37. 9, 12, 30. \$1.

Rosa Lamberson to Joseph L. Lamberson, SE¼ Sec. 21; NW¼NE¼ Sec. 28; 18, 41, 9, 1, 30. \$10.00.

A. E. Landon et vir to E. M. Blodgett, Lots 6, to 13, inc. Block 41, Lots 1 to 5 inc. Block 43; Lots 1 to 8 inc. Block 40; Lots 8 to 14 inc. Block 44; Lots 1 to 5 inc. Block 23; Lot 1, Block 49; Lots 11, 12, 13, in Block 40; all of Block 58, all in Park Add. Nyssa, 9, 20, 30. \$500.00.

Jane E. Turner to State of Oregon, R-W NW¼ Sec. 9-16-47. 9, 20, 30. \$1.

Emma C. Peterson to State of Oregon, R-W N¼SE¼SE¼ Sec. 29-15-47. 9, 20, 30. \$30.

C. M. Johnson to State of Oregon, R-W N¼SE¼NE¼ Sec. 22-16-47. 9, 20, 30. \$22.50.

O. E. Vick et ux to State of Oregon, R-W SW¼SW¼ Sec. 3-15-47. 9, 20, 30. \$50.00.

O. E. Vick et ux to State of Oregon, R-W SW¼SW¼ Sec. 33-15-47. 9, 20, 30. \$27.

Frank Hopper et ux to State of Oregon, R-W SE¼NE¼ Sec. 5-16-47. 9, 20, 30. \$50.

John A. McMillan et ux to State of Oregon, R-W SE¼SE¼ Sec. 22-16-47. 9, 20, 30. \$31.50.

Oregon Slope Grange to State of Oregon, R-W SW¼SW¼ Sec. 23-16-47. 9, 20, 30. \$22.

Geo. W. Hunter et ux to Mrs. M. A. Hunter, Lots 3 and 4, SW¼NW¼ & SW¼ Sec. 1; NW¼ Sec. 12; Lots 1 and 2, SE¼NE¼ & E¼SE¼ Sec. 2, all in T. 18, R. 37, 12, 24, 29. \$100.

Roy A. Betty to Louis H. Kroessin, Lots 9 and 10, Block 7, Riverside Add. Ontario, 11, 21, 29. \$5.

Louis H. Kroessin to Nellie B. Blackaby, Lot 9 and 10, Block 7, Riverside Add., Ontario, 9, 19, 30. \$75.00.

C. W. Glenn, Sheriff to Federal Land Bank, NE¼NE¼ Sec. 26-16-47. 9, 17, 30. \$6075.16.

John W. Stoneman to State of Oregon, R-W in NW¼SW¼ Sec. 4-16-17. 9, 22, 30. \$60.00.

Sadie D. Joseph to State of Oregon, R-W in N¼SW¼ & SW¼SW¼ Sec. 15, 9, 16, 47, 9, 22, 30. \$178.00.

B. C. Blakesley to State of Oregon, R-W in NE¼SE¼ Sec. 8-16-47. 9, 22, 30. \$50.

Chas. F. Smith to State of Oregon, R-W in SW¼NW¼ Sec. 4-16-47. 9, 22, 30. \$1.

Oma Peacock to State of Oregon, R-W in SW¼SW¼ Sec. 4-16-47. 9, 22, 30. \$100.

Payette Oregon Slope Irr. Dist. to State of Oregon, R-W SE¼NW¼ Sec. 15-16-47. 9, 22, 30. \$1.

Payette Oregon Slope Irrigation District to State of Oregon, R-W W¼SE¼¼ Sec. 16-16-47. 9, 22, 30. \$111.00.

C. W. Glenn, Sheriff to F. W. Greip

Lots 8, 9, and 10, Block 316 Ontario, 9, 9, 30. \$957.18.

Russel Kelsay, Guardian to Val Becker, NE¼NE¼, S¼NE¼, N¼SE¼SE¼ Sec. 8; SW¼NW¼ and NW¼SW¼ Sec. 9; E¼SE¼ Sec. 5, and W¼SW¼ Sec. 4 all in Tp. 18, R. 39, 6, 19, 30. \$250.00.

C. W. Glenn, Sheriff to Mrs. Ruth L. Persch, Lot 1, Block 6, Hadley' 2nd Add. Vale, 9, 27, 30. \$15.

T. A. Sherman to C. McGonagill, E¼ Lot 1 and 2, Block 24, Ontario, 9, 26, 30. \$10.00.

C. W. Glenn, Sheriff to Jas. Van Boven, NE¼SE¼ Sec. 36-18-43. 9, 27, 30. \$157.

Frances Sells to B. W. Shaver, Lot 6, Block 3, Harper, 9, 16, 30. \$50.

W. J. Campbell et al to State of Oregon, R-W NW¼NW¼ Sec. 6-19-47. 9, 23, 30. \$155.40.

Marriage Licenses Issued

John H. Myers and Emma Jean Parrish, 9, 25, 30.

Anthony Kawalkawski and Gertrude Morrow, 9, 27, 30.

Joseph F. Block and Doris Easterby, 9, 27, 30.

Complaints Filed in Circuit Court
Farmers and Stockgrowers Bank vs. E. E. Went, 9, 22, 30. Recovery on Note. \$537.

Farmers and Stockgrowers Bank vs. F. M. Vines et al, 9, 24, 30. Foreclosure of mortgage. \$2,057.54.

Hazel M. Shaw vs. Walter B. Shaw, 9, 24, 30. Divorce.

Malheur District Improvement Company vs. Paul Raney et al, 9, 27, 30. To Quiet Title.

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