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SPORTSMEN GET TOGETHER

The visit of a group of Ontario and Vale men in Nyssa last Friday night was for the purpose of organizing a county game league. J. A. Davenport, first friend of wild life, then friend of all Malheur county, was the leading spirit.

He can visualize a great, active body of sportsmen with members in Vale, Ontario and Nyssa. He knows that the voice of the multitude is stronger than that of a few. He feels that organization is as important in the fight for conservation and growth of game resources as in farm marketing. He dreams of good fishing at Owyhee Dam and on the North Fork of the Malheur, in a day ahead when these reservoirs will form great inland lakes.

Another friend of the proposed organization is Curtis

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Townsend, county game warden.

Why not get together? There are comparatively few men in any of the three county towns who would give their time to such an organization. But in one group, the county could have a league with representative membership. With each town sharing alike in number of directors and with meetings in alternate places, there would be no cause for rivalry.

MALHEUR CUTS 20 PER CENT FROM 1931 TAXES

Andrew Graham's 1932 taxes ummary shows \$559,440 levied on property in Malheur County, 20½ per cent under the 1931 levy for county and local purposes and 20 per cent under the six-year high plateau of 1926-31. The 1932 taxes are the lowest for any year of the last ten years. This substantial cut for 1932 is in sharp contrast with preceding years, and represents the Leslie Scott idea of a 20 per cent reduction, as set forth at the Meier local tax meeting in Salem last July.

Malheur For Ten Years Tax Levies for County and Local Purposes

1923	\$624,829
1924	679,771
1925	635,277
1926	683,148
1927	694,787
1928	715,182
1929	697,182
1930	684,823
1931	704,707
1932	559,540

Assessor C. W. Loggan of Harney County reports \$287,253 as the 1932 levy on property. This is 18 per cent under the 1931 levy for county and local purposes. The levy is still high, representing the momentum of the saw-mill boom.

OUR GREATEST BAND LEADER DIES

America's beloved band leader John Phillip Sousa died Saturday night after a rehearsal, no doubt as he desired to bid his great audience adieu. For more than forty years he was the great march king and one melody alone, "Stars and Stripes Forever," will make him famous through the ages.

Sousa joined the marine corps as a musician when only 13 years old, his father getting him into the service to keep him from joining a circus band. He has made many trips over the country of late years and many people had the pleasure of seeing him in various concert appearances.

Sousa died in Reading, Pa., a few hours after the 77-year-old conductor had directed a rehearsal of a local band. He attended a banquet given in his honor, retired to his room, and was found shortly after by his secretary, stricken by a heart attack which snuffed out his life.

They took his body to Washington—home. He was born there. He will be buried today at Congressional cemetery with such honors and ceremonies as his family accepted.

PLANT A TREE

The man who plants a tree confers a blessing upon many generations. He bestows a benefit upon his community that will last for years after he is gone.

Trees have played an important part in human affairs. They have left their influence upon American life. The pioneers who wrested their farms from the heart of the forest, developed the strong, upright, fearless character so needful to the growth and development of the country.

Mankind has no better friends than the trees. They furnish wood for his cradle when first he enters upon the journey of life. They provide fuel to cook his food and heat his home. They furnish shade and comfort for him in the hot days of summer. They give him protection against the storm. They furnish timber to build his dwelling. They provide him facilities for traveling long distances. They give him wood to make paper essential to his mental development, the transacting of his business and the education of his children.

They provide material for the manufacture of many implements of convenience and necessity. They furnish salve for his wounds, spice and incense for his pleasure, oil and rosin for his daily use, syrup for his table, fruit and nuts for his sustenance. They provide nesting places for the birds that cheer him with their songs and help him fight his insect enemies. Their roots prevent erosion of the soil, their branches conserve the moisture, their falling leaves maintain the fertility of the land and protect, as with a blanket, the growing things from the rigors of the wintry blasts.

And finally they add a crowning touch to the beauty of man's surroundings. For what is a landscape, a city street or a dooryard without a tree? Yet how few of us appreciate their beauty?

The small boy is playing marbles, with all the enthusiasm with which his Maw tries to play bridge.

"Al Smith made \$115,000 in one year with his writing." We wish to be considered a candidate for President, and will accept either nomination.

We read that "millions are risked" in putting out Henry Ford's new cars. Dollars now, and pedestrians later.

"Barbara Stanwyck does not smoke," writes Columnist McIntyre. Happily, she is kinder than any cigarette to her throat.

Just for the experience we'd like to be a hoarder for the nonce, or maybe longer, and see how it feels to be harpooned by the nation's great.

Sports writer says that a good pair of legs are an asset to any athlete. And no one else would regard them as a liability.

A famous deep-sea explorer is going out to hunt dragons, and no doubt he'll have some sort of drag on the ocean bottom.

The most effectual method of gangster elimination is illustrated by gangsters.

MEIER STANDS PAT ON TWENTY PER CENT CUT

(Tax League News Letter)

The following is an extract from a letter of Governor Meier to Leslie Scott, president of Oregon Taxpayers' Equalization and Conservation League.

"The reasonable plan expressed in a resolution adopted at the meeting when the Oregon Taxpayers' Equalization and Conservation League, organized at Salem in July, 1931, to the effect that property taxes for 1932 should be reduced below those of 1931 by approximately 20 per cent, has been accomplished only in part. Several counties, municipalities and districts, responding to that suggestion, have reported reductions which substantially equal, and in a few cases exceed, this percentage; but the tax levying bodies and units which have fallen far short of the 20 per cent standard are numerous and it now seems probable that the average reduction of property taxes in Oregon for 1932, as compared with 1931, will not exceed 15 per cent. When cognizance is taken of the fact that the elimination of the state tax for 1932, of itself, reduces the total property tax load by about 9 per cent from that of 1931, it appears that the average tax reductions effected in nearly 2800 local taxing units of the state will probably be close to 6 per cent.

"Oregon Taxpayers are now confronted with the hard fact that if property taxes generally are to be reduced and held within amounts reasonably representative of ability to survive in the ownership of their respective properties, more effective methods must be provided by law to limit and control tax levies and expenditures, not only of the state itself but also of the counties, and of all municipalities and local districts to which the taxing power, inherent in the state, has been or may be delegated. Regardless of how the taxing power may be distributed or apportioned to local units of government, the indisputable fact remains that it is a single power residing in all the people of the state as a body politic. Whenever that power is abused by a local unit to which it has been in part delegated, all taxpayers and citizens are injuriously affected and have the right to demand that the abuse shall cease or be reduced to the lowest possible minimum."

The first duty of the taxing boards is the protection of the property within their districts. Under no possible conditions can a tax that confiscates property justify itself.

The second duty of the taxing boards

after a reasonable tax has been levied is to secure the greatest possible value and service for every tax dollar placed in its hands.

In their first duty the various taxing bodies have gone astray. The small reductions of course will help some but the economic conditions demand far greater reductions. This is offered as constructive criticism and the tax league accepts the small reductions as evidence that our boards who control public expenditures are not thoroughly convinced that we are spending beyond property's ability to pay.

The tax league, however, is conscious

of the fact that the public is becoming interested in the tax load of Malheur County and that it is only a question of time when the public will speak with one voice and demand that taxes come down to where property can pay.

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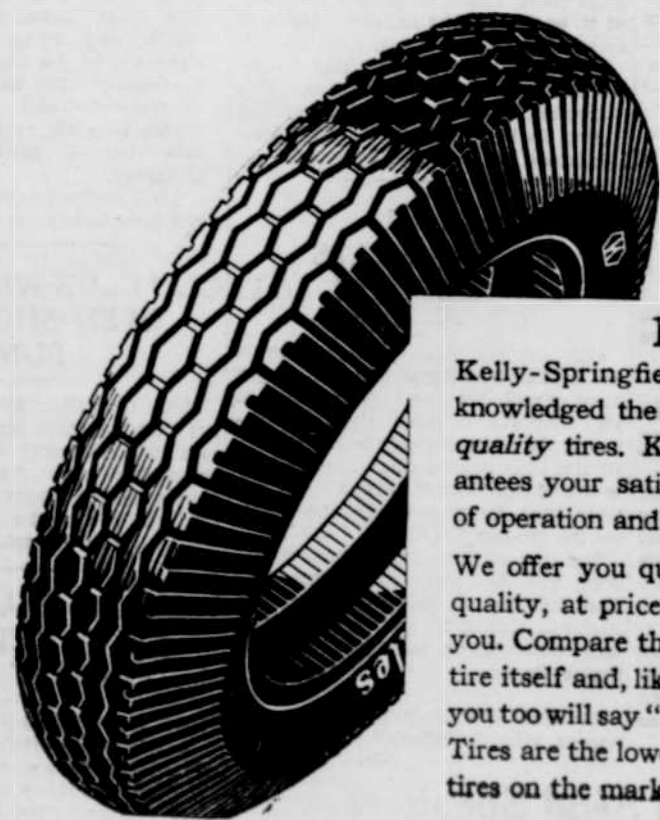
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