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## CUTTING DOWN TAXES

There can be no question of the demand for the present tax payers for a reduction in their annual contribution toward the expense of government. But there is room for a difference of opinion as to the manner in which that reduction shall be secured.

Locally the principle object of attack is the public schools, particularly the High School. In the state the principle attack is being directed at the State University at Eugene and the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis with its extension service.

Undoubtedly it is possible to reduce the operating costs of both of these classes of institutions. The principle question then is how far to go toward a reduction in our educational plant, both locally and for the state.

Before this is undertaken, however, would it not be the part of wisdom to examine some other sources to see if very material savings could not be made? If such savings can be secured elsewhere in the governmental machinery, then the need for drastic reductions in the school system will obviously be thus reduced.

The Argus believes tho roughly that the people of Oregon and of Ontario do not want to jeopardize their educational institutions, but if too drastic a cut is made in the appropriations for them that is bound to be the result.

It appears that the greatest exception is taken concerning the vocational courses. This is just the opposite position to that which prevailed a few years ago. Then the hue and cry was to substitute for the cultural courses which prepared for college and university entrance, those courses which prepared the student for actual business or other work in after life. Away with Latin and Greek, was the rally cry of the reformers in education. Give us for our children, manual training, domestic science, agriculture, bookkeeping, typewriting, and subjects which will give the boys and girls training in the affairs which they will come into contact with on leaving school. Few, comparatively, will go to college, and therefore why should the state fashion its educational system for them only?

These are some of the arguments which were heard on every hand, just a few years ago. In answer to that demand such courses were furnished, and proved to be popular with the students. So popular were they that today in a school of more than 200 only five students in the Ontario High school are reading Caesar, while years ago every boy and girl in the second year in High school was reading the commentors of the famous Roman general.

Now the public, or at least an active portion of it, is condemning the vocational courses and wants them abolished. Perhaps they are right. The Argus will not dispute that point. But how can we maintain an educational system to obtain definite results if with every change of the winds of popular opinion we change our school curricula.

No matter what course is taken in this matter the public should act only after due deliberation. Nothing should be done merely because some group of citizens want that course followed. After all the supreme test is what effect any course will have on the future of the boys and girls of the schools. It may mean a great deal to them, more perhaps than some people realize. Above all things let the matter be approached without personal rancor, and with the sole object in mind that the public school system, the very foundation, bulwark and defense of popular government shall not be wrecked.

## BOUNTIES FOR ALL OR NONE

Either, the State of Oregon, and the people of Malheur county should pay bounties for the extermination of all the enemies of the farmer and stockman or they should pay for the extermination of none of them.

We can see no reason why a bounty should be paid for the extermination of the bob cat and the coyote, and no bounty should be paid for the extermination of the alfalfa weevil, the coddling moth and the cut worm.

On the theory of upon which bounties are paid the business man too is entitled to consideration, and a bounty or reward ought to be paid for the arrest and conviction of every check artist and dead beat.

If the stockman as one class of taxpayer is entitled to consideration and special protection we can not see wherein there is equality before the law.

If the theory of bounties is abandoned and the government hunters were employed Malheur county would save not less than from $7000 to $10,000 annually. That would mean a saving to the taxpayers of School District No. 8, of approximately $1,000, or the equivalent of reducing the number of teachers employed in the grammar school by one.

But that is only one feature of the saving secured by the elimination of the bounty system, which is wrong in principle. Under the bounty system there is no end on the demand upon the taxpayer, while under the hunter system the pest is finally removed. Furthermore under the hunter system a scientific and purposeful campaign is waged to get beneficial results. Under the bounty system the bounty hunter does not kill the females, and does not hunt during the breeding season. The reason for this is obvious.

It is just as logical to expect the bounty hunter, or coyote farmer, to kill the females on his territory as to expect the sheepman to sell all his ewes or the cattleman to market all his cows. Following that practice the coyote farmer would soon be out of a job.

Nevada, Idaho, California and Washington have practically eliminated the bounty, and as a result, Oregon is being made the dumping ground for all the coyote hides of the West. This has been proven beyond a doubt, and yet, so far as we have heard there has been little demand on the part of those who are demanding tax reductions that this patent graft and absolutely wasteful method of combating the coyote menace be stopped.

Even the stockmen, who of all others are interested, unless it be the coyote farmer, now commend the hunter system. In the December number of the National Wool Grower an able plea for the extension of the hunter system and a discussion of the bounty system written by Hugh Sproat of Boise. It shows the change in the attitude scientific method. With this endorsement it certainly merits the consideration of those who are seeking taxation relief.

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## MALHEUR COUNTY REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS RECORDED MAR. 18 TO MAR. 25

Paul O. B. Carou et ux to Margaret McGivern et al, lots 6 and 7, block 147, Ontario. 3|11|22. $10.

I. M. Culler et ux to B. F. Bohannan SE¼NE¼ Sec. 10-17-47. 2|14|22. $1.00.

F. A. Pugh et ux to John T. Logan et ux, NE¼SW¼ Sec. 14-15-42. 3|20|22. $1.00.

John T. Logan et ux to Ray T. Moe, Receiver, NE¼SW¼ Sec. 14-15-42. 3|20|22. $1.00.

Ray T. Moe, Receiver to F. A. Pugh et ux NE¼SW¼ Sec. 14-15-42. 3|20|22. $1.00.

U. S. A. to John Lindsey Hammack, W½SW¼ Sec. 27; E½SE¼, SW¼SE¼ Sec. 28; N½NE¼ Sec. 33; NW¼NW¼ Sec. 34-15-40. 12|15|21.

U. S. A. to John Lindsey Hammack, lots 3 and 4, E½SW¼, SW¼NE¼, NW¼SE¼, Sec. 30; Lot 1, NE¼NW¼ Sec. 31-15-41, 12|19|21.

E. W. Tomlin et ux to J. H. Bowers et ux, S½SE¼SE¼ Sec. 35-16-47; Lot 1 and E½ lot 2, Sec. 2-17-47. 2|18|22| $7,000.00.

Gray Stone Orchard Farm to H. C. Griswold, lots 2 and 3, Sec. 6-16-47. 3|18|22. $1.00.

J. D. Conner to Margaret A. Conner, SE¼SW¼ Sec. 15; NW¼NW¼ Sec. 22-16-47; part of Lot 2, Sec. 33-15-47. $1.00.

M. H. Bostick et ux to Joe Stam- 31 acres in Sec. 24-20-46. 3|18|22. $50.00

Lloyd L. Culbertson to First National Bank of Weiser, 36.7 acres in Sec. 26-16-47. 9|10|21. $1.00.

Henry W. Jones et ux to E. B. Butler, Sr., SE¼SW¼ Sec. 18-18-47 3|21|22. $5,000.00.

A. E. Shearer et ux to Lillie May Taylor, Lots 11, 12, 13 and 14, Block 80, Ontario. 3|26|21. $875.

Izora Dunbar to Melvin Stanwood et ux, All Block 52, Park Add. oo Nyssa, 3|26|20. $10.00.

Alfred Vogue to Annie B. O'Neill, Lots 8, Block 28; and Lot 3, block 26, Eldridges Add. to Vale. 2|27|22. $10.00.

U. S. A. to Thos. Scott, SE¼NE¼ E½SE¼, SW¼SE¼, S½SW¼ Sec. 22; SW¼NW¼ and SW¼ Sec. 23; N½NW¼ Sec. 26; N½NE¼, NE¼NW¼ Sec. 27-16-39. 12|19|21.

U. S. A. to Allen G. Johnson, N½NE¼ Sec. 22; NW¼NW¼ Sec. 23-16-39, 9|8|21

Chas. E. Johnson et ux to Allen Johnson, NE¼, and W½ Sec. 16; NW¼ Sec. 15; S½S½ Sec. 9-16-39. 2|18|22. $10.00.

Chas. E. Johnson et ux to Allen Johnson, SW¼ and W½SE¼ Sec. 15; W½NW¼ Sec. 22-16-39. 2|18|22. $10.00.

Thos. Scott to Allen G. Johnson, SE¼NE¼, E½SE¼, SW¼SE¼, S½SW¼ Sec. 22; SW¼NW¼, SW¼ Sec. 27-16-39. 11|21|21. $10.

U. S A to Wm E McKamey, lots 1 and 3, NE¼ NW¼, N½NE¼, SW¼NE¼, NE¼SE¼ Sec. 30-15-39. 5|19|21.

Arthur A. Robbins et ux to Ernest Martin, N½NW¼ Sec. 17.19.44. 3|25|22. $4,000.00.

Joel O. Chastein et ux to C. E. Johnson, E½NW¼, SW¼ NE¼, N½SW¼ Sec. 22; SW¼SW¼ Sec. 14; SE¼SE¼ Sec. 15-16-39.

C. E. Johnson et ux to Allen G. Johnson E½NW¼, SW¼NE¼, SW¼NE¼, N½SW¼ NW¼SE¼, Sec. 22; SW¼SW¼ Sec. 14; SE¼SE¼ Sec. 15-16-39. 3|22|22. $10.

**Marriage Licenses**

James L. Turnbull and Minnie V. Cronin. 3|33|22.

Lloyd E. Orris and Florence Bullard.

## NOTICE TO CREDITORS

IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR MALHEUR COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JOHN A. MORTON, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given by Rosa B. Morton, Administratrix of the estate of John A. Morton, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against said estate, to present such claims with the necessaray vouchers according to law, within six months after the first publication of this notice, to the said Rosa B. Morton at Ontario, Oregon, or to the law office of Brooke & Gallagher at Ontario, Oregon.

The first notice hereof is published this twenty-third day of March, 1922.

ROSA B. MORTON,
Administratrix of the Estate of John A. Morton, deceased.

Last publication April 20, 1922.

## ARCADIA ITEMS

**ORIS-BULLARD**

At the home of the bride's parents Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bullard, last Sunday afternoon, occurred the wedding of Miss Florence Bullard and Floyd Oris. Rev. Chas. Blom of Ontario, officiated. Miss Bullard is well known in this community, and Mr. Oris has made many friends since his coming here from Iowa. The young couple will make their home on the Hunt ranch, where Mr. Oris has been employed for some time.

Mrs. E. B. Butler, Sr., who has been quite sick with the flu, is slowly improving.

The Minstrel show and box supper held at the school house, last Friday evening, was a success. About 25 boxes were sold bringing a total of $76.10. The highest bid was $18.50, the lowest $1.25.

Mr. and Mr. Clyde Long spent Sunday with Holden Clement and family.

Barney Wilson, wife and baby spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Barrett.

Miss Ruth Roberts of Ontario spent the week end visiting with Miss Helen Butler and attended the box supper and minstrel held at the school house.

Mr. and Mrs. Cody Butler spent last week visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Butler, Sr.

Mrs. James Smith spent the week end with her brother, Chester Lackey and family.


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