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A HEAD TAX FOR ALIENS

The war has very forcibly brought to the attention of Americans the status of the unnaturalized alien, and there has been much deliberation as to how an alien might be forced to bear his part of the burden. A suggestion recently made is that a head tax of \$100 be imposed on aliens. With some the idea meets with instant approval and has drawn from others loud disapproval. The question, however, is a live one, and from its discussion a plan will be formulated.

The word alien is so often used by people who really do not understand its meaning, that it is well to refer to the definition which Webster gives. It is "belonging to or pertaining to another; not belonging to or owing allegiance to the same country, land or government; or belonging to the citizens thereof; wholly different in nature; foreign; inconsistent; unsympathetic; adverse; a foreigner; a stranger."

This covers the question, for an alien is wholly different in nature from the American people, else he would swear allegiance to America's flag he is unsympathetic because there is no common sympathy for and with those who are Americans and the principles of Americanism, and he is adverse because he is not in sympathy with this government and its teachings and he is a foreigner and a stranger because he does not love and cherish the country in which he lives.

The Mist is heartily in sympathy with the idea of imposing a head tax on aliens. Why not? There are millions of unnaturalized aliens in America. They are receiving the benefits of American citizenship (and in some instances, abusing them), without assuming any of the responsibilities of American citizenship. They were not required to render military service during the war, but took advantage of and profited by the war. In many instances their property interests are abroad, and their savings are sent abroad, and using Webster's definition, they are "wholly different" in every particular and sense of the word, and Webster's definition was written many years before the war had made the crucial test.

In discussing the question, there is another reason, which to the Mist, seems most pertinent and should have consideration. Why should not those who profit by the protection of the American flag, and share in America's prosperity, pay something into the public treasury for such protection and for such privileges? This does not mean that the protection of the flag could be bought, but it means that in a financial way, aliens could bear part of the burden. It is estimated there are ten million unnaturalized aliens in America. A head tax of \$100 each

would bring in revenue to the amount of a billion dollars—one-fourth of the last Liberty loan. In addition to obtaining revenue, another purpose would be served; the government could definitely locate all unnaturalized aliens, and could bring about the naturalization of others who would otherwise remain aliens, both legally and morally.

If such a law were passed, it would not, of course, apply to aliens here only temporarily, but those who like the man who applied to Dr. Wade for help in making out his military exemption papers and stated he had been in America for 34 years and had not become a citizen and wished to be allowed to remain in America on account of the good jobs and the high wages he would receive, and for others, who intend making the United States a residence for a given period.

At the outbreak of the war, the Mist advocated that a law be passed so aliens would be compelled to serve, and even if the war is over, it is our contention that aliens should serve. The fact that they have purchased a few Liberty Bonds or War Savings Stamps, should not be taken in the light of serving. Instead of serving, it was taking further advantage of some of the opportunities Uncle Sam offered. This bit, as some express it, is not to be compared with the bit Americans were called on for and delivered.

The Mist hopes such a law will be formulated and passed. "Those who ride, should pay," and the alien should not be exempted from this rule. Such a law would not cause international complications if universal in its application.

WILL AWAKEN PUBLIC INTEREST
 After March 15, next, virtually every individual and every industry will more fully realize what taxation means. Heretofore its burdens have rested lightly upon the average citizen and touched only those with larger incomes.

Times have changed and it is a man with a small business indeed who does not come under the \$1000 or \$2000 exemption clause while the profits of a large business or income are taken up to as high as 80 per cent.

Just what the effect on industry will be, of this heavy taxation, it is hard to say, but the general impression prevails that it will retard expansion and development to a considerable extent.

One great good should come from the high taxes necessitated by the war, the tax problem will be brought home to every family in America and as a result there will be a general demand for economy and efficient administration in public affairs both state and national, in order to lighten the tax burden as much as possible.

SINCERITY THE TEST
 "As we look back over our country's history," writes Oliver in his "Ordeal by Battle," "we find that it was those men who told the people the whole truth—or what, at least, they themselves honestly believed to be the whole truth—who most often succeeded in carrying their proposals through. In these matters, which touch the very life and soul of the nation, all artifice is out of place, the power of persuasion lies in the truthfulness of the advocate, no less than in the truth of his plea."

IT PAYS
 Last week a Yankton farmer sold two young thoroughbred calves for \$100 each. It would have been just as easy to raise two scrub calves and sell them to a butcher for about \$20 each, but the progressive Yankton farmer believes in good farming and in good cattle. He finds that it pays.

A well informed editor, who keeps posted on federal affairs said "If the number of federal jobs keep growing and the number of democrats keeps shrinking, some of these days there's going to be a shortage of federal help."

SOCIAL LIFE LACKING

St. Helens, with all of its advantages, has one disadvantage. This, however, can be easily overcome, and when it is overcome, the disadvantage becomes a big advantage. We refer to the lack of social life in St. Helens. Every one who comes to St. Helens and remains here for any length of time, comments on the lack of social affairs. The older residents know their statements are true, because they went through the same thing, and the real oldtimers also know the statement is true, for they have done little to foster social activities.

In most every other town the young people meet at the residence of some one who has a daughter or son, and enjoy social life. The older people meet and have their little card parties or private dances (and there's no harm in either) and become better acquainted. The young folks, at their parties, enjoy innocent amusements and more ladylike ladies, and a spirit of friendship and gentility has been cultivated. In St. Helens it is different. The young folks may walk the streets, go to a picture show or stay at home. Life in St. Helens should not be such. It is the duty of fathers and mothers with sons and daughters at that age when innocent pleasures and social life means much to them, to see that social conditions are made better.

SELECT GOOD OFFICIALS

The city election is not far off. Among the officers to be chosen are four councilmen. Much city work is outlined and should be properly and carefully attended to. This should be taken into consideration when selecting councilmen. Serving the city is a thankless job, but some one has to serve and those who take an interest in the city and wish to see the city affairs properly administered, should be willing to serve or else aid in the selection of capable men. St. Helens has emerged from the "little town" class and is fast becoming a little city. Each year, the affairs of the city increase and the taxpayers cannot afford to have those affairs looked after by incompetent persons or persons who do not show a willingness to give much time and thought to the city's business. The council is the city's administrative body and it should be composed of level-headed men.

The government railroad administration has refused the request of the Oregon Odd Fellows for a reduced rate for their annual convention which will be held in Salem. With a deficit of millions starting them in the face it is more probable that the railroad administration will increase rates rather than make any reduction. There are many deserving democrats who should have good jobs and the railroad administration can take care of some of them. Looking at the matter in this light, government operation of railroads is a good thing—for some people.

Here's a fact that cannot be truthfully contradicted; the democratic administration is the greatest body of publicity experts in existence. The mere fact that this publicity is published at government expense and sent through the mail as government matter has nothing to do with the expertness of the publicity men.

It is to be hoped that success will come to those who are trying to organize an efficient fire department. Such a department is a necessity. The mayor and council should give all possible aid and support to such an organization, and doubtless they will.

The Texas state senate has voted unanimously against government ownership of telephone and telegraph lines. Looks like the postmaster general's home state put the burr in Burleson.

The live town of Bend, Oregon, proposes to spend \$350,000 on streets this year. It might be well for some St. Helens people to recall the Biblical expression—"go thou and do likewise."

Let us hope that some \$21,000, 000 which will be spent on Oregon roads during the coming three years, will be applied on the St. Helens Pittsburg road.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.
 In the Matter of the Estate of Emma Hult, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Emma Hult, deceased, by the County Court of Columbia County, State of Oregon, and has duly qualified.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present same, duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at his residence in Columbia County, Oregon, Postoffice address, Timber, Oregon.

Dated and first published, February 28th, 1919.
 H. A. WILSON,
 Administrator.

W. A. Harris, Attorney,
 St. Helens, Oregon. 11-15-19

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 IN THE COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON, FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed administrator of the estate of Stephen S. Cline, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Columbia County, and has qualified as such. All persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same duly verified as by law required, to the undersigned at the banking rooms of the Columbia County Bank, in St. Helens, Oregon, within six months from the date hereof.

Dated and first published February 28, 1919.
 SHERMAN M. MILES,
 Administrator.

J. W. Day, Attorney. 11-15-19

ALIAS SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF COLUMBIA.
 Eva White, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 Roland A. White, Defendant.

To Roland A. White, Defendant.
 In the Name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled Court and cause on or before the 26th day of April, 1919, that being the first judicial day after the last day for the publication of summons as prescribed by the Order of Publication of Summons herein, and if you fail so to appear and answer as herein directed, plaintiff will apply to the above entitled Court for the relief prayed for in plaintiff's complaint, to-wit: For a decree of the above entitled Court dissolving the bonds of matrimony now and heretofore existing between plaintiff and defendant heretofore.

This summons is served upon you by virtue of an order made by the Honorable James A. Eakin, Judge of the above entitled Court on the 4th day of March, 1919, which prescribes that the summons in this suit shall be served upon you by publication thereof once a week for six consecutive weeks in the St. Helens Mist, a newspaper in general circulation in the County of Columbia and State of Oregon, and that the first publication thereof be had on the 7th day of March, 1919 and the last publication on the 25th day of April, 1919.

RALPH A. COAN,
 Attorney for Plaintiff,
 633 Pittcock Block, Portland, Oregon.

SUMMONS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.
 Lillian E. Jackson, Plaintiff,
 vs.
 F. C. Jackson, Defendant.

To F. C. Jackson, Defendant.
 In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the 21st of March, 1919 (that being the last day of the time prescribed in the order of Court for the publication of this summons, and if you fail so to appear and answer, the plaintiff will cause your default to be entered and apply to the Court above named for the relief demanded in said complaint, to-wit: For a dissolution of the bonds of matrimony existing between plaintiff and defendant and for the custody of the minor child. This summons is published by order of the Honorable W. J. Fullerton, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Columbia County, made and dated February 6, 1919, which order prescribes that service of summons, in this suit, be made upon you by publication once a week for six consecutive weeks, which time will begin to run from the date of the first publication hereof, to-wit: February 7th, 1919. Last publication, March 21, 1919.

R. W. HAGOOD and J. W. DAY,
 Attorneys for Plaintiff,
 Post Office Address of R. W. Hagood,
 311 Journal Building, Portland,
 Oregon.

Residence and Postoffice Address of
 J. W. Day, St. Helens, Oregon.

SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION IN FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIEN

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR COLUMBIA COUNTY.

H. M. Wharton, Plaintiff.

J. H. Drake and also all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real estate described in the complaint hereto, Defendants.
 To J. H. Drake, the above named defendant,
 In the Name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby notified that H. M. Wharton the holder of Certificate of Delinquency numbered 193 issued February 17, 1917 by the Tax Collector of Columbia County, Oregon, for the amount of Three and 19-100 Dollars, the same being the amount then due and delinquent for taxes for the year 1914 together with penalty, interest and costs thereon upon the real property assessed to you, of which you are the owner as appears of record, situated in said County and State, to-wit: Lots numbered Ten, Eleven and Twelve in Block numbered Forty-five, in the Town of Columbia City, Oregon.

You are further notified that said H. M. Wharton has paid taxes on said premises for subsequent years, as follows:

On February 17, 1917, he paid \$248 taxes for 1915; on January 22, 1918, he paid \$1.76 taxes for 1916; and on June 8, 1918, he paid \$2.97 for 1917, with interest on said amounts at 15 per cent per annum.

Said J. H. Drake as the owner of the legal title of the above described property as the same appears of record, and each of the other persons above named are hereby further notified that said H. M. Wharton will apply to the Circuit Court of the County and State aforesaid for a decree foreclosing the lien against the property above described, and mentioned in said certificate. And you are hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the first publication of this summons exclusive of the day of said first publication, and defend this action or pay the amount due as above shown together with costs and accrued interest and in case of your failure to do so, a decree will be rendered foreclosing the lien of said taxes and costs against the land and premises above named.

This summons is published by order of the Honorable W. J. Fullerton, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Columbia, and said order was made and dated this 19th day of February, 1919, and the date of the first publication of this summons is the 14th day of February, 1919.

All process and papers in this proceeding may be served upon the undersigned residing within the State of Oregon, at St. Helens, Oregon.

J. W. DAY,
 Attorney for the Plaintiff.



Something to Remember

INCOME Tax Statements have to be filed on or before Saturday, March 15th. This applies to single persons whose annual income exceeds \$1,000 and to married persons receiving \$2,000 and more. Should you be puzzled about the new provisions of the law—remember that the Columbia County Bank is a good place to come for any kind of financial and business information.

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SHERMAN M. MILES, President

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