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LOWERING INCOME TAX EXEMPTION.

"Exempting persons with incomes of \$3,000 or \$4,000 is class legislation in favor of a very able-bodied class," remarks Mark Sullivan in his "Comment on Congress" in last week's issue of Collier's Weekly.

Such a law as this, would result in a widespread interest in government. We naturally are interested in those institutions which we help support. Everybody, directly or indirectly, contributes a share to the support of government.

Certainly it would be well for the nation if by so simple a means as the income tax it could foster a direct interest in national affairs. By restricting the operation of this tax, however, to those in receipt of an income of \$3,000 or more, it restricts the benefits of the law.

"Class legislation" is a mild term for the law pending in congress. It looks like a deliberate attempt to secure the votes of the citizens of small means by placing the major portion of governmental expenses on the more fortunate.

In this connection the socialist par-

ty offers a lesson worthy of notice. Every other party gets most of its funds from the wealthier members, the socialist organization takes its funds from the rank and file.

GOVERNMENT TO-RAISE CATTLE.

The United States government, viewing the meat shortage with alarm, has decided to enter the cattle business and has invested \$400,000 in stocking one Indian reservation with provisions for stocking more of them.

This would indicate that the government is considerably alarmed over the shortage of cattle and that the agricultural department was preparing to enter a long campaign of cattle raising.

But the raising of cattle is not the only drawback to meat production. The packing houses are important parts of the meat system and when the government gets its hands of cattle ready for market it may confront some of the conditions that the growers in the past have met up with.

And suppose the chain of industries operated by the government should continue, would it not be possible for Secretary Bryan to at this late date get his government ownership ideas to working, after all?

Raising cattle may be the first step in a long line of industrial changes backed by the government unless the administration possesses a faculty of drawing a distinct line.

CHERRIES THAT COME LATE.

To prove the virtue of Grande Ronde valley as a fruit section, J. A. St. John of Fruitdale brought in some Lambert cherries last evening that he had just picked, and the fruit was large and carried a delicious flavor.

ACCURACY IN MAP WORK.

Map work in schools is one of the important teachings. It makes a pupil more accurate in all understandings after he has worked for hours over a map marking exact distances and drawing lines to a scale.

One of the best illustrations of accurate map work by pupils may be seen at the Union county fair pavilion. It is the work of the Sacred Heart academy and is done so neatly, so accurately that it attracts attention from everyone who visits the exhibit.

Running relay races in mud may become a special event at all fairs, so successful was the race of yesterday.

COLUMBUS DAY.

Tomorrow is Columbus Day and by act of congress is a legal holiday. Falling as it does this year on Sunday there will be nothing but sacred celebration.

The Knights next year will hold a celebration that carries with it lots of noise, floating of colors and something akin to the celebration of Independence day, because then the date will fall on week day.

Tomorrow Father Driscoll will deliver a special sermon in the Catholic church on Columbus.

"The nude in art has been barred from the mails. Soon, perhaps, the almost nude in real life will be kept off the streets.

Astrologers claim that the big dipper is disappearing. Well, the drinking cup was abolished some time ago.

A newly invented gown has only two hooks in the back and there is no reason now why women should be late to church.

The "Courtesy League" of London has adopted the idea of bowing low to statues. With such people running at large it is no wonder the idea of the green hat and the loud checked suit originated in the snug little isle.

With the resumption of football practice the surgeon grad of last June sighs with hope.

The aim of the Lincoln Memorial association is a highway, as smooth as a city street, and as durable as any highway constructed to stretch from New York City to San Francisco.

The Midland Trail from Deaver to Salt Lake City, 535 miles; Omaha, Lincoln and Denver Transcontinental route, 636 miles; the river-to-river road, from Davenport to Council Bluffs, Iowa, 236 miles; Tri-Cities Rock river road from the Mississippi river to Chicago, 180 miles.

Liberal Prison Policy Urged.

Indianapolis, Oct. 11.—A new, a more liberal note on the care of prisoners was sounded by speakers before the annual meeting of the American Prison association which convened here today.

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In order to close out a number of lots by October 20th, I have decided to offer your choice of improved lots in Connordale for \$250.

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