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PAYING THE TAX.

Righteous indignation is expressed all along the line at the tax this year. It is a chronic habit to cry against high taxes, but it would seem this last year has been a fearful example of waste and lavish use of money in a public way.

The individual who must, according to a very bad law, meet his taxes before April 1st, is going to find it hard. In many cases we learn that men of good financial standing are being forced to make direct loans on their property in order to raise enough ready cash to meet the demand.

The railroad company, an organization of capital which most people do not consider except in a sense of having all kinds of wealth, paid into Union county over \$77,000 in taxes this year. It probably was not so great a hardship on this company as for the rancher to pay his individual tax, but the equation remains just the same.

The farmer cannot raise the price of his commodities, neither can the lumber mills. Why? Because prices are fixed largely by the law of supply and demand and in this day of modern business methods elastic selling schedules of commodities does not exist.

Gradually it is becoming harder and harder to do business, and unless there is a stop put to a great deal of the flouney legislation in Oregon, business will be curtailed, labor have less employment and more or less stagnation will follow.

ONE WOMAN'S MAIL ORDER EXPERIENCE

"Why I quit the Mail Order Houses," is the theme of an interesting letter in the Merchants' Trade Journal of the current issue, written by Mrs. D. H. Rush of Pelican, La.

We are farmers and live a mile and a half from a small railroad village of five hundred inhabitants. In my home and in every other home in the village and surrounding communities, there can be found from two to five catalogues from mail order houses.

We have tried the ordering business, time and again. Once we ordered a washing machine which the mail order merchant claimed would do perfect work, and agreed to refund

THE CAUSE OF HIGH TAXES.

Have you a theory, a dream, a hobby, A foolish fad, a whim or any fool craze? Take steps at once towards forming a lobby, And make it a law without any delays.

You have the right to, why shouldn't you use it? (It is true we have too many laws now!)

'Tis a privilege, so why not abuse it? What are privileges here for anyhow?

It will help to attract public attention Towards you and your wonderful little scheme, Your name will receive a great deal of mention, Of many conversations 'twill be the theme.

Can you think of some new kind of official, Or commission, or expert or board? Advisory, executive, judicial— Just so it's one we don't need or can't afford.

Go work for its immediate creation, ('Tis true there are too many tax-eaters now!)

'Tis politics, 'twill help some poor relation, And what are politics here for anyhow?

Can you think of some new way to spend money, To get state, county or city more in debt? (Don't accuse me of trying to be funny The taxpayers will stand for more of it yet!)

Then go to work for another bond issue, ('Tis true we're loaded down with them now!)

'Tis progress, and all the missles will miss you, We must be progressive, 'twill not matter how!

If you have any children who don't mind you, And who are much inclined to roam the streets;

The police ought to make efforts to find you And let you know what's doing on their beats!

You've tried so hard to raise those kids right, You have been very strict with them, you will now;

But you can't always be with them day and night, And what have we got police for anyhow?

If your husband comes home very late at night, As he didn't use to, but as he does now;

Write the Gov'nor about him wanting to fight, What is the Governor here for anyhow?

Now-a-days all things must be done in a way That will give all others a great deal to do,

You don't care about those who have it to pay, Just so it's no expense or trouble to you.

Yes, it will add a little to the taxes By taking up many an official's time; You'll wonder why the taxrate steadily waxes,

Can't you see how you have helped it to climb? —J. H. Blumenstein.

the money if the machine failed to give satisfaction. After trying it thoroughly, we found that it was perfectly worthless to us.

I sent a money order for a number of articles that I intended to give for Christmas, the package came by express, with big charges attached, and there were only two articles in it that I had ordered. The other things were substitutes.

Last winter I needed a wrap. One catalogue showed women's coats galore, all very handsome and exceed-



Men! We want you to examine these NEW SPRING STYLES in Fidelity \$15 Suits

Then you will agree with us that they are the equal of most suits that you pay \$20.00 for elsewhere.

The following GUARANTEE]with Every \$15.00 Fidelity Suit:

- All Pure Wool Fabrics. Shape Retaining Fronts. Fabrics Thoroughly Shrunk. Tailored Under Sanitary Conditions. Will Give Perfect Satisfaction.

Come in and try on some of the Spring Styles in this great \$15.00 Suit.



ingly cheap. Forgetting my past experience with mail order houses, I selected a coat, wrote out the exact size I wanted and sent the order. When it came it was positively shoddy, and a nice fit for a two hundred pound neighbor, while my own weight is one hundred pounds.

Again and again disappointment attended these deals with mail order houses, and we determined to let them alone. While their goods are always listed at a few cents cheaper than the home merchants can afford to sell goods, by the time postage and freight charges are counted, the cheapness is in favor of the home merchants.

Our local merchants are willing to buy our farm products. They subscribe liberally to all public claims, schools, churches, roads and other things that help a community. Their tax money is paid for the common benefit of the vicinity in which they operate, and their sympathies are ever with their own people.

There are a great many people throughout the country who have been dealing with mail order houses that feel just as this woman does. They are dissatisfied. There are many people like this lady who have felt that they had made mistakes in buying goods of mail order houses, but yet have done just as she did, and have ordered again and again, because of the impelling power of the mail order house catalogue that has been constantly before them.

TO THE PUBLIC. When it comes to a question of choosing a desirable piece of ground for a home site, or for any other purpose for that matter, I believe I am in a position to offer not only a very good choice of ground, but also terms

that will make the renter feel like owning his own home. I offer for choice, three (3) five acre tracts on East Adams Ave., acreage at Oro Dell building lots near Palmer mill, a 10 acre tract partly set to fruit trees on the Island City road, and a few lots in Park addition, known as the Sugar Mill site.

The terms are not burdensome, and instead of paying rent you can make payments on the property and soon own it. Then it will be yours. The property can be made to pay for itself. I will be glad to show it to you. It will pay young men to investigate. J. A. RUSSELL,

The Skin and Not the Blood.

Until recently it has been a generally accepted theory that eczema was a disease of the blood. Scientists have taught us that eczema is positively a skin disease and curable through the skin alone. Meritol Eczema Remedy is applied directly to the diseased skin. Do not delay trying Meritol Eczema Remedy. NEWLIN DRUG COMPANY.

SALTS FINE FOR ACHING KIDNEYS

We eat too much meat, which clogs Kidneys, then Back hurts and Bladder bothers you.

Most folks forget that the kidneys like the bowels, get sluggish and clogged and need a flushing occasionally, else we have backache and dull misery in the kidney region, severe headaches, rheumatic twinges, torpid liver, acid stomach, sleeplessness and all sorts of bladder disorders.

You simply must keep your kidneys active and clean, and the moment you feel an ache or pain in the kidney region, get about four ounces of Jad Salts from any good drug store here, take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and is harmless to flush clogged kidneys and stimulate them to normal activity. It also neutralizes the acid in the urine so it no longer irritates thus ending bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is harmless; inexpensive; makes a delightful effervescent lithia water drink which everybody should take now and then to keep their kidneys clear thus avoiding serious complications. A well-known local druggist says he sells lots of Jad Salts to folks who believe in overcoming kidney trouble while it is only trouble.

Notwithstanding.

A teacher had been at great trouble to explain to her class the meaning of the word "notwithstanding" and, on asking for a sentence in which the word occurred, was somewhat nonplussed to receive the following effort from a blushing maiden of some eight summers and winters: "Please, miss, my little brother has a hole in the seat of his trousers, and it's notwithstanding."—London Mail.

No Friends of His.

"Well, what did your better half say to you?" "She said a plenty." "You always seem to have friends to take you home after these benquets." "Not friends. My enemies do it."—Pittsburgh Post.

Foggy.

"James, I understand the fogs are thick in London." "I remember one, sir, that held for three months. I was working on a tunnel, sir, and we cut a ninety foot tunnel through a sixty foot hill."—Washington Herald.

An Ostrich Trick.

Naturalists state that an ostrich never goes straight to its nest, but always approaches it with many windings, in order, if possible, to conceal the locality from observation.

FOR SALE—One corner and three inside level lots, north side; one half block Greenwood school; sewer and sidewalk; lots adjoining are selling at \$250.00 each. Address P, Care Observer. 3-18-6t.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Peter Allen's ranch of 280 acres, 5 miles north of Island City. Inquire of Peter Allen. 3-18-6t.

WANTED—Roomers and Boarders; 1303 O Ave. 3-18, 8t, pd.

GOOD MAXWELL AUTO FOR SALE Cheap. La Grande Garage. 3-18-6t

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