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THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE.

The organization of a public safety committee for Union County is proper. It is well that the forces of law and order should be organized against the forces of sedition and treason. All good citizens will cooperate with this committee which will be a branch of the State Council of Defense with well defined duties. The National Defense Council communicates its desires to the state, the state to its county organizations and so the work of organizing the people to respond to the national necessity will go on. These are war times; the citizen who stays at home has his duties, which are just as important, and as difficult as those that fall on the men who go to the front. **LET US NOT BE SLACKERS OR LAGGARDS.**

Elihu Root and the American commission to Russia is soon to return. They feel that they have accomplished their mission to establish firm and lasting friendship between the United States and Russia and to insure Russia's continued participation in the war. From the reports that are coming daily from the Russian front, this seems true. Elihu Root is a big man. The people of the United States should delight to do him honor in his declining years.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Harvey Wells, State Fire Marshal, is to be commended for his interest in protecting the fields of the farmers from fire. The value of the crops and their importance at this time entitle them to the protection of the state.

What Is the Matter With the South.

The South has not been covering itself with glory, or even credit of late. Since it has come into power with the advent of the Democratic party in Washington, it has demanded everything in sight, has fought everything that it should have supported, has opposed the very man who was giving it everything it wanted, and while demanding all the jobs, and all the honors has shown itself to be a section of slackers in every direction.

The latest evidence of the narrowness and lack of patriotism displayed by the South is the shout that has gone up against a tax of half a cent upon cotton. At a time when the whole country is being taxed, the South has openly and systematically insisted upon putting all the burden upon the North, and keeping all the jobs and salaries for itself. It has favored taxing everything that the North raises and keeping free from taxation everything that it is interested in and the Senators of the Mississippi caliber have stood loyally by that program. It is true of course

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NEBRASKA HORSE DEALER ACCUSED OF EMBEZZLEMENT
 Portland, July 12.—(Special)—W. L. Marks, a Nebraska horse dealer and known as a frequent La Grande visitor was arrested on July 8th by Detectives Vaughn and Hill upon information from Chief of Police Wier, of Spokane, that the man was wanted there for the embezzlement of \$5800 from his employer, Ben Franklin, a large dealer in war horses in Sioux City, Ia. Marks was traced to Portland by Arthur Cohn, another employe of Franklin's, who had been detailed to locate Marks and obtain an accounting from him after it had been charged by Franklin that Marks was several thousand dollars short in his accounts. Marks returned with the detectives to Spokane where he has to give his final accounting. He says that he is not guilty and that he has no fear of the results.

NOTICE TO PATRONS OF EVENING TELEGRAM

Owing to the illness of Guy Fuller, who was thrown from his bicycle yesterday, he has had to put new carrier boys on his route. If mistakes occur, please phone all complaints to Red 3092 and they will be promptly attended to.

MRS. L. A. FULLER.

Prices May Go Higher.

Prices of many commodities are high, and going higher, it is predicted. But ADVERTISING is doing all that can be done to keep prices down and you should profit through that fact.

that the North by reason of its superior enterprise, and progress, by its up-to-date ideas, and its broad principles is far ahead of the South in all that makes for prosperity, but even that fact does not excuse the tax exemption. A premium should not be put upon lack of thrift, race prejudices and retrogression.—Humboldt (Cal.) Standard.

For a Stronger Cabinet.

Mr. Henning reports from administration sources that the president intends to take action restricting the activities of the advisory commission of the council of national defense, who, it is intimated, are trying to get "fancy prices for the war supplies furnished by their own and other companies in each line of business."

The report is interesting. No one but Mr. Wilson himself is responsible for the personnel of the advisory commission, and we should be sorry to find that, because his selections were poor, if they were poor, we must find ourselves at the very beginning of the war, when cooperation and harmony are so necessary, plunged into an inter-governmental row promising a maximum of demagogic opportunity, sensational charges, injustice, and perhaps destructive legislation.

So far as can be inferred from what has escaped into print the row is between Mr. Wilson's cabinet heads, or Mr. Daniels only, perhaps, and the advisory commission. The council, or part of it, in other words, does not like the advisers Mr. Wilson has given it. We must wait for further enlightenment, but in the meantime we are not inclined to side in advance with Mr. Daniels or other members of Mr. Wilson's cabinet against the advisory commission selected by Mr. Wilson, even though some of them or all may be industrial magnates. Mr. Wilson is in the unfortunate position of having surrounded himself with an official household by no means up to the standard required by these tremendous times, and we hope that he will not engage in a domestic quarrel in his own official family when he can probably correct whatever evils have arisen and confidence by strengthening his corps of advisers.—Chicago Tribune.

Aided by the Press.

(From the Boston Globe)

Secretary McAdoo pays tribute to the great assistance of the press in making the Liberty Loan successful and Secretary Baker is thanking the press for what it has done in helping recruiting and registration. In return for these services Congress can hardly restrain itself from passing a censorship bill and also proposes to tax newspaper receipts.

Cooperation Is Necessary.

As a matter of preparedness, the organization of the Baker County Public Safety League, whose membership will be composed of a large majority of the people of Baker county, is a timely movement and will insure a practical solution of many matters that may arise in this critical moment of the country's unrest. It will go a long way in maintaining order and will provide that co-operation is necessary to materially assist the farmer, lumber man and other business interests.—Baker Democrat.

The Cost of Transporting Food.

The investigations of the experts in regard to cost of living emphasize the high transportation charges. Not merely is freight a large item, but with labor costly, the trucking charges, by the time articles have gone through several hands, have added very appreciably.

Years ago farmers used to sell more direct to the cities and towns in their immediate neighborhoods, and trucking and freighting was not so much of a factor. Now more business is done through jobbers and wholesalers, and one charge is piled on top of another.

The farmer sells to the wholesaler because it is the easiest way, with the least bother and time required. Many times by displaying some enterprise, and particularly by

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advertising in the newspapers, he could develop a line of nearby customers that would take a part or perhaps all of his product. Where this can be done, it gives the farmer a better return, and should give the consumer a lower price.—Pendleton Tribune.

Why Unfairly Burden the Press?

No class of American business men has been harder hit by war conditions than the publishers of newspapers. Their increased expenses for white paper, for labor, for news collection and other "overhead charges" have not been compensated by increased receipts from circulation or advertising. The newspaper pays with other enterprises its income taxes, its corporation taxes, its realty taxes. It seeks no exemptions from common burdens incident to a time of war. But when it is singled out for special taxation, those engaged in it feel that they have a right to protest.

Why should the Senate finance committee, going over the war revenue bill, single out the industry that enlightens the American people for taxation burdens beyond those imposed on manufacturers in general? The proposed special tax of five per cent on newspaper profits and the proposed raise of twenty-five per cent in postal charges on second-class mail matter look like unfair impositions to the members of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, and they feel that the public as well as themselves is concerned, for the reason that the newspapers are on the whole a very important benefit to the public, and give more freely than any other industry without receiving direct returns. Their voluntary assistance has enabled the government to sell its war bonds and to procure recruits for the army and the navy and has been influential in the campaign to secure contributions for the Red Cross. Where would the food conservation movement be without the uncompensated help which it has received from the newspapers? Let it be remembered that the proposed tax on newspaper profits is not restricted to excess profits so-called, but applies to all profits derived from newspapers, no matter how small they may be considered with relation to the capital invested.—Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin.

WHY--

The Business Man and The Banker should encourage and The Farmer should practice

Diversified Farming

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The Dairy is the Farmer's Surest Crop.

Every farmer should have one or several cows, if for no other reason than to supply him with milk and butter. But there are other reasons, deep-seated ones that involve the economics of agriculture. The dairying community is invariably prosperous. Dairying is a crop that does not fail, because the element of speculation is limited.

In the farmer's acquiring a dairy herd, the business man—the country banker this time—has an opportunity to supplement good advice with something more material.

And it is really the duty of the banker to help the honest, capable and industrious farmer to obtain the results that may be cashed in for the welfare of the entire community.

A farmer came to his banker to ask for a loan of \$500. The banker knew the man's farm was mortgaged to the limit. Yet a few years before the farmer had had money enough to purchase his place and put some in the bank besides.

"Your system of farming must be wrong," the banker told the farmer. "I know it is," replied the farmer, "but I know of no other way."

"Tell you what," said the banker. "I'll make that loan \$1000, instead of \$500, if you will do as I tell you."

And the farmer hesitatingly agreed, after he heard the banker's plan. Today, the mortgage has been lifted from his farm, and he has money earning interest in the bank of his friend whose business astuteness read aright the reason why his farming system did not pay.

The \$1000 went toward the purchase of the nucleus of a dairy herd and the appurtenances necessary to operating a model dairy. A little applied business efficiency in maintaining only real producing cows, and the result was foreshadowed. The farmer not only benefited, but the banker also received his reward.