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A. P. Davis Believes All Should Be Income Tax.

With the heavy taxation which is bound to last for a number of years, comes the problem of better handling that question. Taxation has long been the one perplexing problem and it must be admitted that with all the statesmanship and all the energy spent upon the question no one will admit that we have anything like a just and perfect system at the present time.

Along this line of argument, A. P. Davis, prominent in farmers' organization work of the state, puts forth an idea that is worth considering. He believes that all taxation should be based upon incomes and that property should not be taxed. His theory is based upon the plan of the war drives in Union county wherein income was in fact the basis of war assessment. The man who receives a salary, whether he owns property or not, is permitted to pay his share in the war work, yet that same man does not pay anything for the privileges given by the country under the ordinary tax laws. He is permitted to enjoy all the law's protection, the schools and every feature of the government without contributing directly to the tax fund. Mr. Davis sees merit in the plan for taxing incomes only, for then, he contends, all will be taxed and all will have a voice in every undertaking.

It is food for thought. The Observer is not ready to agree with Mr. Davis until the plan has been more thoroughly developed by him and others who believe the same way, but we do admit freely that it is a subject for earnest discussion and the columns of this newspaper are open to Mr. Davis and all others who have views upon the subject.

Our Country Is Found Unprepared Again.

For more than two years the United States drifted toward inevitable war—drifted heedlessly and without taking any steps toward military preparedness. War came suddenly, and the victory was unduly delayed because we had done nothing to make ready

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for the contest, remarks the Boise Statesman.

For more than a year and a half we have drifted toward the inevitable coming of peace—drifted heedlessly and without taking any steps toward solving the problems which peace will surely bring. Peace has come suddenly, and the return to peace time economic stability will be unduly delayed because we have done nothing to make ready for the change from war to peace conditions.

Other countries, notably England and France, have exercised a far greater degree of foresight. In England alone the ministry of reconstruction has been working for many months through 140 well organized committees, and in England a definite policy has been worked out for the cancellation of war contracts and for handling the knotty problems which will certainly arise when demobilization takes place, and when industry tries to get back to a peace basis.

It is folly to continue spending tens of millions of dollars a day for the manufacture of shells, guns and army equipment. That is what is being done in the United States, but the government dare not cancel these war contracts, for no plans have been made for alternatives, and without the alternative contracts for our factories, unemployment and privation would result in all parts of the nation. The interests of business and of labor are being safeguarded by not cancelling contracts for huge quantities of supplies which will be useless in times of peace, but this slipshod method will cost the taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. It is the same old story of unpreparedness, and unpreparedness is always costly—often tragic in its consequences.

Legislator Dodd Talks of Sane Legislation.

E. P. Dodd, member of the legislature from Umatilla county, in addressing a communication to his constituents saying:

'I have no fine-spun theories, 'high falutin' ideas,' or wildcat or fool schemes to waste busy days upon, but I shall be on the job from now on, and until the close of the session in the interests of the entire people of the county of which I was elected to represent. Anything that is practical and blessed with common sense that will add to the general welfare is what I want to know about.'

HE CAME BACK—If you have any old carpets you wish woven into beautiful fluffy rugs, notify L. A. Dobner, Phone Red 151. Over 150 satisfied patrons. 11-19-18

OVER TOP IN U. W. W. D.

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Influenza Not Severe in Hill District—School Was Re-opened Monday.

Kamela, November 19.—(Special)—'Flu' ban is raised at Kamela. School starts again. Many residents of the Hill visit in La Grande Monday.

Jack O'Mara and crew are at work repairing railroad buildings and coal chutes here.

Mrs. E. Morgan and son, Cecil, spent Saturday in La Grande.

Mrs. L. Fans and children were passengers to La Grande on delayed No. 6 Saturday. They returned Sunday morning.

Mrs. Claud Eby returned to her home here Sunday from La Grande, where she was recently taken to the hospital there. She was accompanied by her husband and mother, Mrs. Ingerson.

Mrs. Maggie Walcott returned to La Grande this morning after several days visit with her sister, Mrs. Will Ridecock of this place.

Miss Edith Morris who was called to Kennewick recently by the illness of her mother, returned Sunday evening. She reports Mrs. Morris much improved.

Robert Bates returned to La Grande Sunday evening to resume his teaching there.

The 'Flu' ban was raised Monday morning. There has not been any cases reported here for the past week.

Operator Trombly of Union was here on business today.

School opened again Monday after being closed five weeks on account of the flu.

Senator Newton King spent Sunday visiting in La Grande.

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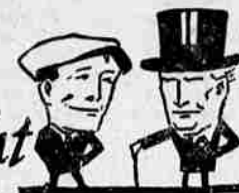
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