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CECIL COSPER

Public Accountant and Income Tax Advisor

I wish to announce that I will be in La Grande February 2, 3 and 5, for the purpose of taking up income tax work for clients there, and will be pleased to meet anyone who may be interested in making income tax returns.
Having been in the internal revenue service doing income tax work exclusively, I have expert service to offer.
Will be at the Hotel, where I will be glad to answer any income tax questions.

FIGURE YOUR INCOME UP NOW

STATEMENT OF 1918 EARNINGS AND EXPENSES ESSENTIAL

Collector Miller Explains What Is Required of All Persons and Urges Co-operation.

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—The big income tax drive of 1919 is now under way and every preparation is being made to handle the largest collection in the history of income tax. "I am not waiting for the final passage of the new revenue bill by congress," said Collector Milton A. Miller today, "nor for the new regulations and blank forms to be issued. To get this big tax in and get it accurate and complete, I urge that we all begin now."

"The income tax obligations imposed by the old laws as well as the measure now in congress, consist of two distinct operations. One is to file return or statement of all items of income and items of deductions allowable by law and to do this within the period named in the law. The other is to pay the tax if any is due.

"Neither of these obligations can be met without a careful review of income and expenditures for the tax year," says Mr. Miller. "That is the big job right now, and that is why I say the income tax drive is already underway. Everywhere the pencil is busy. The old year is done; all its fruits are gleaned; and every person who farmed well, or earned a good competence, must analyze his own case in cold figures.

"When the new bill is enacted into law, I will have the proper return forms distributed throughout the district and everybody will be informed of the date when the sworn statement or return must be filed. It is my plan to send my men out to central locations, and to have them travel through the district, aiding taxpayers in the preparation of the returns and to decide doubtful points. We will go right to the people with the income tax, and with the co-operation which the public can give the government men, the returns will be filed by everybody who comes under the law's provisions, the right taxes will be paid, and the district will have done its full patriotic duty toward the government's support.

"Meanwhile, let me say again, there is no need delaying the preparation of figures. Anything that congress does now will not affect the amount of a person's earnings for 1918.

"Let us avoid the belated throwing together of figures that may hit or miss. Guesses cannot be accepted as the basis of taxation. It is clearly the duty of every person to compile correct figures and ascertain whether his income for 1918 was sufficient to make necessary a sworn statement.

"The year 1918 was a banner year for salaries and wages, and the high war prices brought unusual profits to the average small tradesman and to the farmer. The opinion in Washington is that a million citizens and residents will make this year their first income tax returns.

"All signs indicate that the income tax this year will reach nearly every working man and woman, and nearly every merchant, shopkeeper and farmer. Not all will have to pay the tax, but nearly all will be obliged to make a sworn statement of the year's income. I am therefore advising every unmarried person who earned \$1000 or over during the year 1918, and every married person, who, together with wife or husband, earned \$2000, to sharpen his pencil and figure out how he stands. He must ascertain accurately his gross income from all sources. There's his salary or wages, including overtime pay and any bonus received as additional compensation. A married person having children under 18 who are working, should include the earnings of such children.

"If he sold any property at a profit, the gain must be computed and included in gross income. If he rented any property to other persons, the total rents received in the year must be ascertained, and from that figure a deduction may be taken for taxes paid on real property, the necessary minor repairs, fire insurance, any interest he may have paid on mortgage, and a reasonable allowance for annual wear and tear of the rented property. The balance is included in gross income for the year.

"Interest on bank deposits, whether withdrawn or added to his bank balances, must be included in all calculations of income. Bond interest received during the year must also be included, except interest on municipal, county or state bonds. Interest on United States bonds need not be included by the ordinary bond holder who purchased small amounts. Holders of large amounts of Liberty bonds, however, should ask their bankers to write to my office for the rule applying to the such interest.

"Dividends on stock shares are income, and must be included in the gross figures, although the tax does not impose the normal tax on distributions made by domestic corporations.

"A person buying and selling merchandise must file his profits for the year on the following basis: First, ascertain the gross sales or total cash receipts. Then add together the inventory at the beginning of the year and the purchases

for resale. From this latter sum subtract the inventory of goods on hand at the year's end, and the result is the cost of goods sold. This cost, plus necessary expenses incurred solely through conducting of the business, is to be deducted from the gross sales, and the result is the net earnings of the business.

"A professional man arrives at his professional income by ascertaining the total of fees for services and deducting therefrom all expenses connected directly and solely with his practice.

"A farmer must figure up all income derived from the sale or exchange of products during the year, whether such produce was raised on the farm or purchased and resold. He is allowed to deduct from this total his expenses of the year connected with the planting, cultivation, harvesting and marketing of the crop, or the care, feeding and marketing of livestock. He is not allowed to deduct the amount expended in 1918 in purchasing stock for resale; but when such stock is sold its cost is to be deducted from the sale price in ascertaining the gain to be included in his return of income. The cost price of stock bought prior to 1917 cannot be deducted as in the case just cited. If such cost was included in the deduction made in the year of purchase.

"The farmer is not required to include in his income tax computation the value of farm produce consumed by himself and family. But in cases where he exchanged produce for merchandise, groceries, etc., the market value of the articles received in exchange must be included.

"All other items of income arising during the year through personal service, business or trade, through use of property or money, should be added into the gains for 1918.

"Everybody wants to know what income is exempt from tax. Very few plans that fall to the average man may be legally disregarded in figuring up his 1918 income. Gifts and bequests can be eliminated; also proceeds of life insurance received by the beneficiary of an insured person. A person who cashed in an endowment policy need report as income only that portion which exceeds the total of the premiums he paid in all years on that policy. Annuities are not taxable, unless the person received in the year payments which represent, when added to all prior payments on the annuity, an amount greater than the original cost of the annuity. Dividends on unexpired life insurance policies are not taxable income; but dividends on paid up policies must be considered income. Alimony is not income to the recipient, nor is it allowable deduction on the part of the person who pays.

"From the total of all items of income, there are certain deductions allowable by law. All interest paid on personal indebtedness and all taxes paid during the year are deductible, except federal income and excess profits taxes, inheritance taxes and assessments for local improvements, such as sidewalks, sewer, etc. Losses incurred in business or trade are allowable, also losses arising from fires, storms, shipwreck or other casualty, or from theft, in cases where such losses are not compensated for by insurance or otherwise. Losses incurred outside of a person's regular business are allowable to the extent of gains reported from similar transactions within the year. Debts due to the taxpayer actually ascertained to be worthless during the year are deductible.

"Depreciation on property used in a profession, in business or in farming is another item that may be claimed as a deduction. The storekeeper may claim depreciation on his fixtures and on his delivery horses and wagons, but not on his stock held for sale. The professional man may claim similar deduction

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on his instruments; and, in the case of a physician who maintains a team or auto for making his calls on patients, reasonable depreciation may be claimed. The farmer may claim depreciation on his farm buildings, aside from his personal residence, also on his farm machinery, his work horses and farm work wagons. The theory of depreciation, in connection with the income tax, is that wear and tear caused by use in earning income is a real expense in the earning of the income. The rate is determined by the number of years that the property ordinarily would be useful and the cost of the property is the basis of the computation. If the property suffering depreciation was bought or acquired prior to March 1, 1913, the market value as of that date issued, instead of the cost, in figuring depreciation.

"Contributions or gifts actually made in 1918 to organizations operating exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific or educational purposes, and to societies for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals, may be deducted, to an amount not exceeding 15 per cent of the net income computed without the benefit of this deduction.

"After the total of all income is found, and the deduction allowable by law has been computed as an offset, the amount of income in excess of such deductions is the net income,

which forms the basis of the assessment of tax.

"If every person in this district will examine his own 1918 income and his allowable deductions, in line with data that I have given, he will know beyond doubt whether he must file his return when the blanks arrive. And there is how he will determine his liability to file a return. If he is single he must file if his net income was \$1000 or more, and this requirement is enforced whether or not he is the head of a family. If he is married, he must file his return if his net income, including that of his wife and minor children, was \$2000 or more.

"I want to emphasize the co-operation feature of the collection of the income tax this year. The policy of the Internal Revenue bureau is to aid tax payers to meet the requirements of the law. We are going right to the people, not to swing clubs or to mulct the wage-earner of his savings, but offering every helpful governmental function that will assist people to do their duty."

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JOHN FRAWLEY,
County Treasurer.
1-9-16-23-30-P-5.

CASH vs. CREDIT

A subject of interest to the thoughtful housewife reviewed from the standpoint of our store that has been conducted upon a strictly cash basis. The past year has witnessed an almost complete reversal of public opinion as regards buying for cash or on credit. It was formerly regarded that having "accounts" at certain high-priced stores was a mark of distinction, sounded better than paying cash and seemed to give them a little higher standing in the community. We are glad to state that this false idea has almost vanished and today a "book account" is rightly known as a wasteful, imprudent and highly unsatisfactory method of doing business. The public has wakened to a realization of the fact that the cash customer must make up for the delinquencies of the credit customer; must bear the burden of the storekeeper's "bad debts" and long-standing accounts. In other words, the credit price is always the "long price" and where credit is given the unnecessary expense is borne by all the customers.

Another bad feature of credit buying is the natural tendency of the customer to purchase in excess of actual needs. It is so easy to buy extravagantly when no cash is needed at the time of purchase. One hardly notices the "book entry" until the inevitable bill arrives, bringing consternation, possibly embarrassment.

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